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Data details price hike pain

Cost of some grocery items has doubled in four years, analysis shows

Taylah Fellows

The price of some everyday grocery products have doubled over the past four years as Queenslanders grapple cost-of-living increases.

New analysis of major supermarket prices between 2021 and 2024 shows significant cost hikes across popular branded products and staple items.

Basic items like a bag of McCain mixed frozen peas, corn and carrot has shot up more than 50 per cent since 2021, with shoppers now forking out $4 for the 500g packet of vegetables compared to a previous $2.60.

Cans of Heinz baked beans increased 40 per cent, rising from $2 to $2.80 and toilet cleaner shot up from $5 to $7, increasing 40 per cent.

Aussie fan-favourites Milo and Golden Circle Golden Pash juice spiked 20 per cent, while a packet of Tim Tam Originals jumped 12.5 per cent.

It comes after Foodbank's 2023 Hunger Report found increased cost of food, fuel, and home gas and electricity were the leading causes of hunger in Queensland, where one in three households were unable to afford groceries at some point last year.

The staggering price increases have been revealed in a Compare the Market analysis of trolley favourites.

The research found of the 29 items, there was an average 40 per cent price jump.

But the biggest increase was Monini Classico extra virgin olive oil, which doubled in price from $12 to $24, while a 4kg packet of potatoes now costs $9 instead of $5.90.

A packet of Red Rock Deli sea salt chips will now set shoppers back $6.30 compared to $4.65 in 2021, and a 500g block of Bega tasty cheese has gone from $8 up to $10.50.

A 2L Biozet Attack laundry liquid bottle increased more than 18 per cent and a packet of D'orsogna shaved ham now costs $36/kg compared to $31.50 in 2021 and 2022.

Compare the Market's Chris Ford said price hikes impacted families who were already doing it tough.

He said price hikes for olive oil could be due to natural disasters overseas, but there were "many factors" including severe weather events that contributed to the increases.

"There's currently an olive oil shortage due to fires and droughts in Europe, which could be why we're seeing a 100 per cent price increase since 2021 for particular products," he said.

"Severe weather events have had a particularly devastating impact on our produce industry and companies could be paying more to produce and ship the items we rely on."

Foodbank Queensland chief executive Jess Watkinson said food insecurity was rife and was affecting families who had never experienced not being able to afford groceries before.

"The increases in the cost of living can lead to food insecurity as it forces people to make compromises on what and when they are eating," she said.

Aussies back 26 January in poll

James Morrow

Fewer than one in five Australians want to change the date of Australia Day while nine in 10 citizens say they are "proud to be Australian", according to new polling from the Institute of Public Affairs examining public attitudes to our national day.

However, while nearly two-thirds of us agree Australia Day should remain January 26, Australians aged 18-24 are more ambivalent thanks to the "relentless indoctrination" of the schools system, the IPA said.

According to the survey of over 1000 Australians, 63 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement "Australia Day should be celebrated on January 26". Just 17 per cent disagreed, while 20 per cent had no opinion.

The support for the day comes despite ongoing controversy around Australia Day, which marks the 1788 landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove.

Last week, supermarket giant Woolworths touched off calls for boycotts after it said it would not sell Australia Day merchandise this year due to lack of demand.

Earlier this month it was revealed that at least 81 local councils across the country had decided to move their citizenship day ceremonies away from Australia Day after being given the green light by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

The survey, conducted by polling firm Dynata, found that celebrating Australia Day on January 26 was only controversial among 18-24 year olds, with just 42 per cent agreeing that the date should be kept.

However, a majority in every bracket of voters older than 25 agreed that the date should stay the same.

"Australia is the greatest nation on earth," said IPA deputy executive director Daniel Wild.

"It is concerning just 42 per cent of those aged 18-24 support Australia Day on January 26. This is a direct result of relentless indoctrination taking place at schools and universities, (however) a strong majority of younger Australians beyond the years of formal education support our national day."

A key mixed use development site at Nelly Bay Harbour on Magnetic Island is up for lease.

Prime Maggie Island location up for lease

Bethany Westwood

A prime plot of land that has been vacant for more than 20 years on Magnetic Island may soon see some action.

Ray White has invited expressions of interest for the waterfront project now leasing 161 Sooning St, Nelly Bay.

Part of the Nelly Bay Harbour development project when the breakwater was first constructed, the prime site has been vacant with locals forced to stare at an ugly hole in the ground since the early 2000s.

The Sooning St waterfront project is now available for lease at a prime site on Magnetic Island.

Adjacent to the Nelly Bay Harbour ferry and barge terminals, One Bright Point and Peppers Blue on Blue Resort, the original concept plan was to develop a tavern, motel and retail stores with open-air parking.

Graeme Russell, owner of Ray White Commercial Townsville, sold the property to Melbourne developers in 2020.

"Immediately after that Covid turned up which wrecked everyone's plan known to man, especially tourism," Mr Russell said.

Since then Mr Russell said the island had enjoyed a resurgence in the last year or two.

He hopes finally putting the property up for lease will see the Melbourne-based developers pull off the project.

While there have been inquiries in the last few days, Mr Russell is yet to receive a strong expression of interest.

"There's two things to know about islands: banks hate them and buyers get nervous about them," Mr Russell said.

"Cyclones and downturns in tourism make it a slightly dangerous market. Although having said that, Magnetic Island is a suburb of Townsville so it makes it a bit different."

While Mr Russell says the plans are drawn up and approved in principle, the developers aren't attached to the idea of a hotel and tavern.

A convention centre, networking space, more parking and even a dog park have all been suggested.

"It would be a mighty expensive dog park," Mr Russell said.

However, he believes a venue with food, drink and entertainment would still be the most attractive.

"It would be like the Picnic Bay old days, sitting at the pub by the jetty wondering 'Do we get this ferry? No, let's grab another drink first,'" he joked.

With a building floor area of 2000sq m and 6348sq m of land, Mr Russell says he hopes the project is leased quickly with a 2025 opening sounding "terrific".

New wrinkle in ageing

Some day there could be a way to prevent wrinkles – in time.

It's been long believed that wrinkles were simply caused by the ageing process – and exacerbated by ultraviolet light from the sun – but bacteria may actually be to blame, according to some "groundbreaking" new research.

The Center for Microbiome Innovation at the University of California San Diego teamed up with L'Oréal Research and Innovation for the study, published in the journal Frontiers, which found that wrinkles are linked to the skin microbiome, which is the collection of microorganisms that inhabit our skin.

The findings explain why the ageing process is not uniform, as some folks of the same age look older than others.

Childcare wages 'key' to unlocking spots

Clare Armstrong

National political editor

Families face higher childcare costs or a shortage of places for their kids if Labor does not commit funds to cover a much-needed wage increase for early educators.

Unions and employers currently at the negotiating table are still waiting on the federal government to indicate if, and how much, it is willing to contribute to a payrise needed to help the struggling sector retain and attract more staff.

Sources familiar with the negotiations say if Labor fails to step up, childcare providers will have to pass on costs to families, or if an agreement can't be reached, the sector will be unlikely to attract the staff needed to meet demand for places.

United Workers Union executive director of early education Helen Gibbons said a wage increase to help retain and attract extra staff was the "key" to unlocking more affordable childcare places.

She said staff shortages had led to centres "closing rooms and turning parents away".

"This wage increase is absolutely integral," Ms Gibbons said. "It's the missing piece to the government's cheaper childcare commitment."

Education Minister Jason Clare acknowledged more work was needed to retain childcare workers and keep the service available to families.

"We have cut the cost of child care and there are 14,000 more early childhood workers than there were 18 months ago, but there is still a lot more to do," he said. "There aren't many jobs more important than what our early childhood educators and teachers do ... the work they do is critical to our children and our economy."

Dr Dhivya Dhyana Suppiah at the Townsville University Hospital. Picture: Evan Morgan

Pageant queen a medical champ

Balancing worlds comes natural

Chris Burns

Resident medical officer Dhivya Dhyana Suppiah, 32, describes herself like "Hannah Montana" divided into two different worlds.

It has been exactly a year since Dr Suppiah moved from Malaysia for her medical career at Townsville University Hospital, and in that time most of her colleagues and friends are unaware of the life she lived back at home.

She loves the Australian lifestyle, plans on staying, and has focused on her work improving the health of North Queenslanders.

But in Malaysia she is a former pageant competitor, model and actor who used her platform to champion for humanitarian causes, particularly for education in regional reproductive health.

Her most notable achievement in her pageantry was as first runner-up of Miss Universe Malaysia in 2016, which she competed in during her last year of medical school – and it opened up many opportunities for her.

"As much as it sounds like, oh, it's just a pretty face, you just need to be pretty to walk around, it's not actually that easy," Dr Suppiah said.

"It takes a lot of self-esteem.

"You can wear nice makeup, do your hair, wear nice clothes, and you can be confident but self-esteem comes from who you are, and that can't be bought or borrowed."

Dr Suppiah has always balanced her medical role with her interest in pageants ever since her first year in medical school, and there was a societal expectation that she should ignore all outside interests for the greater good of her studies.

This was particularly the case with pageantry.

But she does not believe she would be as good at her work if not for her persona and public speaking skills she developed in that high-profile and competitive environment.

"In the modelling world that's where I realised you could grow as a person and boost your self-esteem," she said.

"In the medical field it's a bit different because it's a lot less physical and it's more to do with your brain, and I don't just mean smart, it's about empathy, it's about how you feel about a patient, it's about how you speak to a patient.

"It takes a lot of mental understanding to get to that point, and I don't think everyone can do that."

Her mother's interest in responding to disasters through the Rotary Club and her father's passion in pageantry motivated her to enter her first pageant at 21.

It went badly for the self-described shy first year medical student. She made it among the top five contestants, which meant she had to answer a question about tourism in Malaysia, and she stammered and shook through her response.

Instead of giving up on pageantry and focusing on her studies, she decided she could do better.

Call-out to join 'Sea of Pink'

Bethany Westwood

Breast cancer survivors and their supporters across Queensland are being urged to fight the disease by joining this year's "Sea of Pink".

Mater's International Women's Day Fun Run raised more than $2m last year with more than 20,000 people running in Brisbane and a further 3300 taking part across Queensland, including Townsville.

Mater Foundation chief executive Andrew Thomas is urging participants to register quickly.

"In recent years, we have expanded the event to regional Queensland and have seen a surge in participants from Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Mackay and Townsville," he said.

Organisers of the Fun Run, presented by Queensland X-Ray, are hoping to smash participation and fundraising numbers on Sunday March 10.

Funds will go towards life-saving breast cancer research, as well as services and support for patients at Mater hospitals in Townsville, Brisbane, Springfield, Redlands, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg.

Registrations will remain open at womensdayfunrun.com.au.

PM's devilish gift to Mary

A $10,000 donation will be made by the federal government to help save the Tasmanian devil from extinction, in honour of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary's proclamation as the King and Queen of Denmark.

On behalf of the Australian people, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced the endowment to Wildcare Tasmania to support the conservation of the Tasmanian devil, ahead of the proclamation on Sunday night (AEST).

Mr Albanese said it was fitting given Crown Princess Mary grew up in Tasmania.

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Wong on peace mission to Israel

Courtney Gould

Penny Wong will make her first trip to the Middle East as foreign minister in the shadow of rising tensions in the region as the Israel-Hamas conflict rages on.

The Foreign Minister will travel to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory in the West Bank where she will meet with families of hostages and survivors of the October 7 attacks.

She will also meet with those impacted by settler violence in the West Bank.

"This visit is about advocating for a pathway out of this conflict," Senator Wong said ahead of her departure.

"In my meetings I will be advocating for an increase in the delivery of vital humanitarian assistance, the upholding of international law and greater protection of civilians, and avoiding regional escalation."

Senator Wong's trip follows that of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken who was in the region last week.

He warned the Israeli government the civilian death toll in Gaza was "far too high".

Sunday marked 100 days since terror group Hamas killed 1200 Israelis and took another 240 hostage.

Israel's retaliation has killed more than 20,000 Palestinians in Gaza in the three months since.

The Foreign Minister will have to walk a tightrope as she reiterates Australia's condemnation of Hamas and support for Israel's right to defend itself while also calling for steps to be taken towards a "sustainable ceasefire".

"Australia has consistently and unequivocally condemned Hamas's October 7 terror attacks ... We continue to call for the immediate and unconditional release of hostages," Senator Wong said. "I will express our profound concern that there are increasingly few safe places for Gazans.

"I will reiterate our call for safe, unimpeded and sustained humanitarian access so that food, water, fuel, medicine and essential assistance to reach people in desperate need, and so civilians can get to safety.

"Australia wants to see steps towards a sustainable ceasefire. That can never be one-sided."

Court fines pie maker

Worker stuck in machinery for an hour with hurt arm

Blair Jackson

A worker at Townsville's Outback Pie Company was stuck in a conveyor belt for an hour, suffered multiple fractures and the company has been fined in court.

Magistrate Richard Lehmann found the company had non-existent measures with regards to the obvious risk of an unguarded nip point on the conveyor belt.

However, Outback Pie Co. was a good corporate citizen, supported a local Indigenous AFL club and implemented a five-year program to upgrade its health and safety practices.

The company pleaded guilty to failing to comply with its primary duty to ensure workers' health and safety, thereby exposing them to the risk of death or serious injury.

The 31-year-old man who was injured had his arm contorted around a tension roller for more than an hour, suffering multiple fractures to his left arm and spending five days in hospital.

Magistrate Lehmann fined the Outback Pie Co. $55,000 but did not record a conviction, when the matter was called in the Townsville Magistrates Court in December 2023.

In October 2020 the 31-year-old was cleaning the tension roller on the underside of the conveyor.

When the conveyor was replaced the year before, it was threaded in such a way that exposed the tension roller on the underside.

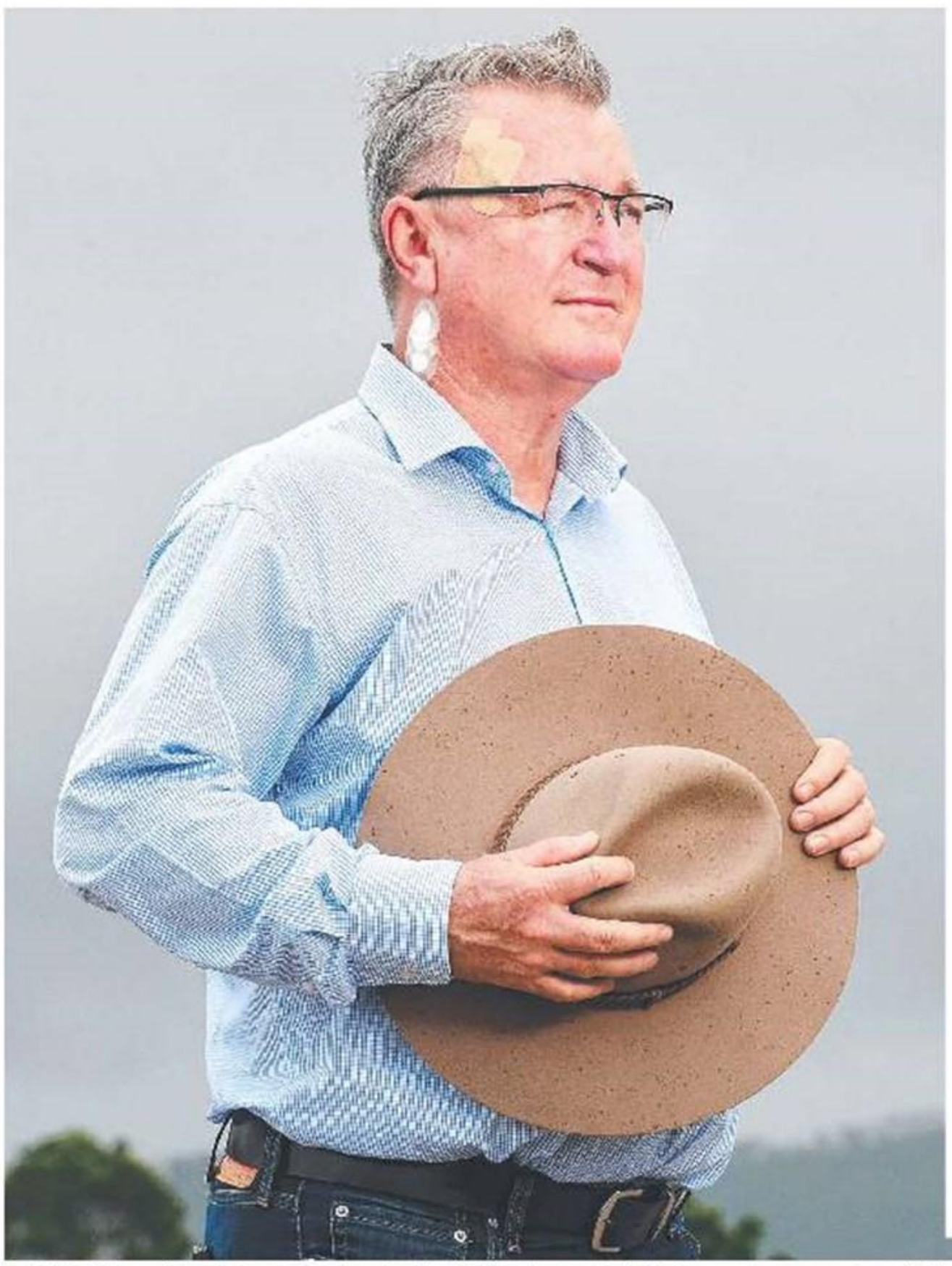
The man's sleeve got caught and he was pulled in. His injuries required surgery and he was unable to work for four months, though there were no signs of permanent impairment, the Magistrate found.

Outback Pie Co. declined any recorded interview with investigators, but complied with notices issued after the incident. One of those notices involves actually switching off the belt for cleaning.

The charge the company admitted covers 17 months from the unsafe repair to the injury.

The Outback Pie Co. manufactures pies, sausage rolls, pasties, savoury pastries, muffins and beef patties at its Bohle factory.

It makes up 45,000 units a day for distribution around Australia.



MP: Get your skin checked

Chris Burns

Townsville state politician Les Walker, 58, arrived to one of the first press conferences of the New Year bandaged and still numb from having cancerous skin cells removed.

And he will be returning to his doctor to determine if any more skin needs to be removed from his jaw and his neck.

The Mundingburra MP said the removal of a basal cell carcinoma was his reminder that people should be making regular health checks, and to take proactive measures to protect themselves from sun damage.

Mr Walker was eager to speak of his experience because he saw it as an opportunity to generate skin cancer awareness.

He had been having his skin checked regularly for 15 years, but he had not been doing it as frequently in his role as a politician.

"The needles hurt more than the actual incisions to remove it because that's what you're really feeling until it goes numb," he said.

"But I wouldn't want to see young people or anybody having needles or scalpels to their face to have skin cancer or a mole removed that's quite cancerous.

"What you see on the skin could be 20 times as big under the surface, and that's where the real damage is.

"It's quite scary."

Mr Walker said he has had many cancerous cells removed in the past, particularly in his lip, on his chest and his forearms.

"(I) even had a BCC under my watch just recently.

"I just implore people to go get your skin checked, because it may save your life."

Les Walker MP speaks on the importance of regular skin checks on the morning he had surgery to remove moles on his forehead and neck. Picture: Shae Beplate

Harry faces cash 'time bomb'

Zoe Smith

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry face a "ticking time bomb" due to the failure of their Hollywood dreams, a royal expert has claimed.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have just a year left before their much-hyped $148m Netflix deal, which they signed with the streaming giant to produce documentaries, docuseries, feature films, scripted shows and children's programming. The California-based pair are believed to have been paid only half of their reported fee and will only get the rest of the money if they produce more content before the end of 2025, The Sun reports.

Royal commentator Richard Fitzwilliams told London's The Sun newspaper that the couple could lose everything if they didn't produce more content before their contract ended. "They have done nothing for Netflix really, the one exception being Invictus, and that was very worth it but too long a wait," he said.

"If you simply trash your family to get megabucks, and do nothing else, then you must expect people not to take you seriously." He said the couple were "light years away" from when they were on Time magazine's list of the world's 100 top individuals.

Meghan and Harry

Artist quits AI creations

HAMBURG: An artist who shook up the cultural world with a haunting female portrait created by artificial intelligence has decided she's had enough of the new technology for now.

Working with AI to create art was ultimately "very frustrating and very limiting," Swedish-based artist Supercomposite said.

She said her experience with AI art left her "burnt out".

"It creates this dopamine path in your brain. It's very addictive to keep pushing that button and getting these results," Supercomposite said.

Supercomposite created the red-cheeked, hollow-eyed woman called "Loab" in 2022 when she was testing out the new artistic possibilities offered by AI.

Her posts on social media of Loab and about the process to create her went viral.

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Iron ore set to fill public coffers

Jack Quail

Iron ore miners are set to deliver billions more to the government coffers in the coming months, economists predict, pushing a forecast budget deficit back into the black.

The mid-year economic and fiscal outlook, published in mid-December, revealed a $39.6bn boost to the budget bottom line over the four-year forward estimates period, as soaring commodity prices helped bolster tax collections above previous estimates.

However, the budget improvements are likely to be far higher than anticipated, as Treasury downplays expectations of higher company tax collections, which have already surged to almost $65bn since May.

Iron ore, Australia's largest commodity earner, is currently trading at over $US130 a tonne, up from $US100 a tonne in early August. As a result, the value of our iron ore exports for 2023 is set to top last year's total at $131bn.

But according to updated Treasury forecasts, released in the mid-year economic outlook, the iron ore price is expected to crash from their current levels of above $US130 a tonne to just $US60 a tonne by the end of September quarter next year.

In May, official budget forecasts showed iron ore prices would reach this level by mid-2024.

But economists said even the revised forecasts were still far too conservative, and prices would likely remain elevated well beyond the middle of next year.

Indeed, with prices for the commodity hovering near record highs, mining stocks reached new peaks in the week leading up to Christmas with Rio Tinto rising past $134 per share and Fortescue climbing above $28 per share.

Veteran budget watcher Chris Richardson said the iron ore price forecasts were part of a deliberate strategy by the Treasury to underestimate commodities during boom periods so that the government of the day could claim higher-than-expected revenues at budget time.

"The Treasury likes to have a little hollow log so that every six months (extra revenue) can be found down the back of the couch," Mr Richardson said.

Magnetic Island Skip Service owner operator Brett Barrett.

Island's sole private bin man facing closure

Blair Jackson

Magnetic Island's only commercial rubbish service faces an $80,000 debt and the threat of business closure after operating on a section of the island not correctly zoned for the business.

Brett Barrett, the owner of Magnetic Island Skip Service, services two supermarkets and a handful of other businesses, but now has to leave his site by January 18.

Mr Barrett has run into issues owing to a debt which the Townsville City Council claims is $80,000, however Mr Barrett says he intends to dispute those dues.

His yard is also not zoned correctly for his operations, leading to headaches for the man who owns the island's only private rubbish collection business.

Brett Barrett removes the commercial rubbish from Magnetic Island's IGA.

"Who's going to pick up rubbish if I'm not on the island?" Mr Barrett said.

There were no other suitable commercial sites available for him, he claimed.

"I am running out of time," Mr Barrett said.

The Townsville City Council operates the residential rubbish collection on the island, as well as rubbish collection for Peppers and One Bright Point hotels, but appears to have no solution for Mr Barrett's predicament.

> "Who's going to pick up rubbish if I'm not on the island?"
>
> **Brett Barrett**
> Magnetic Island Skip Service owner

After 14 months at his site, it turns out the land is zoned as mixed use, and Mr Barrett needs a material change of use certification.

Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney represents Magnetic Island.

"Townsville City Council has been consulting with Mr Barrett over the issue," Ms Greaney said. "Under the Local Government Act, council is unable to lease council-owned land to anyone without first going through the correct tendering process. This has been explained to Mr Barrett on several occasions.

"We do understand the difficulty of the position Mr Barrett is in and we wish to work constructively with him to resolve the issue while working within the legislation."

A council representative said the council could bring more wheelie bins to dispose of waste in the interim.

Cairo arts centre razed

CAIRO: Nestled in the heart of historic Cairo, a cultural centre synonymous with the Egyptian capital's art scene has been razed, the latest heritage site torn down for development projects.

Authorities have been aggressively remaking parts of Cairo, a longtime cultural beacon of the Arab world, to expand the capital, home to more than 20 million people.

The government has built roads and bridges to connect new districts and business hubs, a glitzy makeover as Egypt faces a dire economic crisis.

The Darb 1718 centre was demolished "without any prior notice", its management said on social media, for a highway expansion.

For 15 years, the centre – named for bread riots in January 17-18, 1977 – had drawn artists and art lovers.

Taylor Swift

Conspiracy theorists love Swift

WASHINGTON: A US Fox News host has suggested that Taylor Swift is a "front for a covert political agenda," echoing disinformation that has percolated in right-wing circles for months – and which experts say will get worse before the 2024 US election.

The Jesse Watters segment warning Swift could be a "Pentagon asset" offered the latest conspiracy theory exploiting the singer-songwriter's fame and her past support for Democrats such as President Joe Biden. Attacks targeting Swift in recent months have ranged from personal barbs to accusations of witchcraft and speculation about her political involvement.

Swift's stature grew in 2023 as she broke music records, performed the highest-grossing music tour in history and began dating US footballer Travis Kelce. Time Magazine named her Person of the Year.

Fringe influencers such as far-right radio host Stew Peters accused her of witchcraft at concerts and claimed she was "responsible for murder" after Kelce appeared in a vaccine ad. Doctored images shared online falsely linked her to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, while several conservative commentators have insulted her private life and appearance.

Mates hit by tragedy

Alleged murder victim honoured by pals with a coffee

Bronwyn Farr
Isaac McCarthy

A lone black coffee sat at a table at a Palm Cove cafe on Thursday morning as friends of well-liked local Michael Holmes came to terms with his death.

Mr Holmes was among a group of regulars who met at Espresso and Co cafe on Williams Esplanade every morning and his friend Leslie Moore ordered a coffee in honour of Mr Holmes, whose presence was missed.

Kamerunga woman Catherine Mary Kelly, 58, has been charged with murder following the alleged stabbing death of Mr Holmes on Tuesday, January 9.

Police were called to the Villa Paradiso apartment block on Williams Esplanade following an alleged serious assault about 10.50pm.

Police said in a statement Mr Holmes suffered multiple stab wounds and was taken to Cairns Hospital, where he died a short time later.

Ms Kelly was taken into custody at the scene.

Leslie Moore, a friend of Mr Holmes, and one of many who was interviewed by police, said he left a black coffee for Mr Holmes at his regular spot in honour of him.

"He was a lovely man, pretty outgoing, he used to enjoy a beer at night," Mr Moore said.

"He lost his wife four or five years ago. The next day a policeman stood there and asked if I knew Michael and he said unfortunately he passed away last night – this is terrible."

The Cairns Post understands Mr Holmes lived alone.

Mr Moore said he came for coffee with other locals every day. He said one of Mr Holmes' friends had been unable to return to the cafe since the incident.

"He was a Collingwood supporter and I am a Carlton supporter so we used to banter," he said.

"He was an Englishman and loved soccer, he would watch as much soccer as he could. And he was a big Labor supporter – if you said something nice about Margaret Thatcher he'd get stuck in to you. He was a very good man."

A manager at the Villa Paradiso complex described Mr Holmes as a kind gentleman with a heart of gold.

"He was one of those guys who you would not find a single bad thing to say about him," he said.

Ms Kelly first appeared in Cairns Magistrates Court on January 11, where a pathology report was ordered and she was remanded in custody.

Her next appearance is scheduled for March 22.

Crime rate stats a mixed success story

Isaac McCarthy

The rate of Far North vehicle theft has plummeted by a third, signalling recent police operations have worked, but offences against the person have risen to new highs.

The total offence rate – the number of offences per 100,000 residents – in the Far North police district dropped 3.2 per cent from 2022 to 2023 while the rate for all of Queensland rose by 5.3 per cent.

Huge drops in rates of unlawful use of a motor vehicle (down 33.1 per cent) and unlawful entry (down 23.5 per cent) have helped the region experience its first total crime rate drop in four years, placing the Far North police district crime rate back below Townsville's.

Acting Inspector Jason Chetham said the reductions could be, in part, attributed to extra police resources allocated to the district.

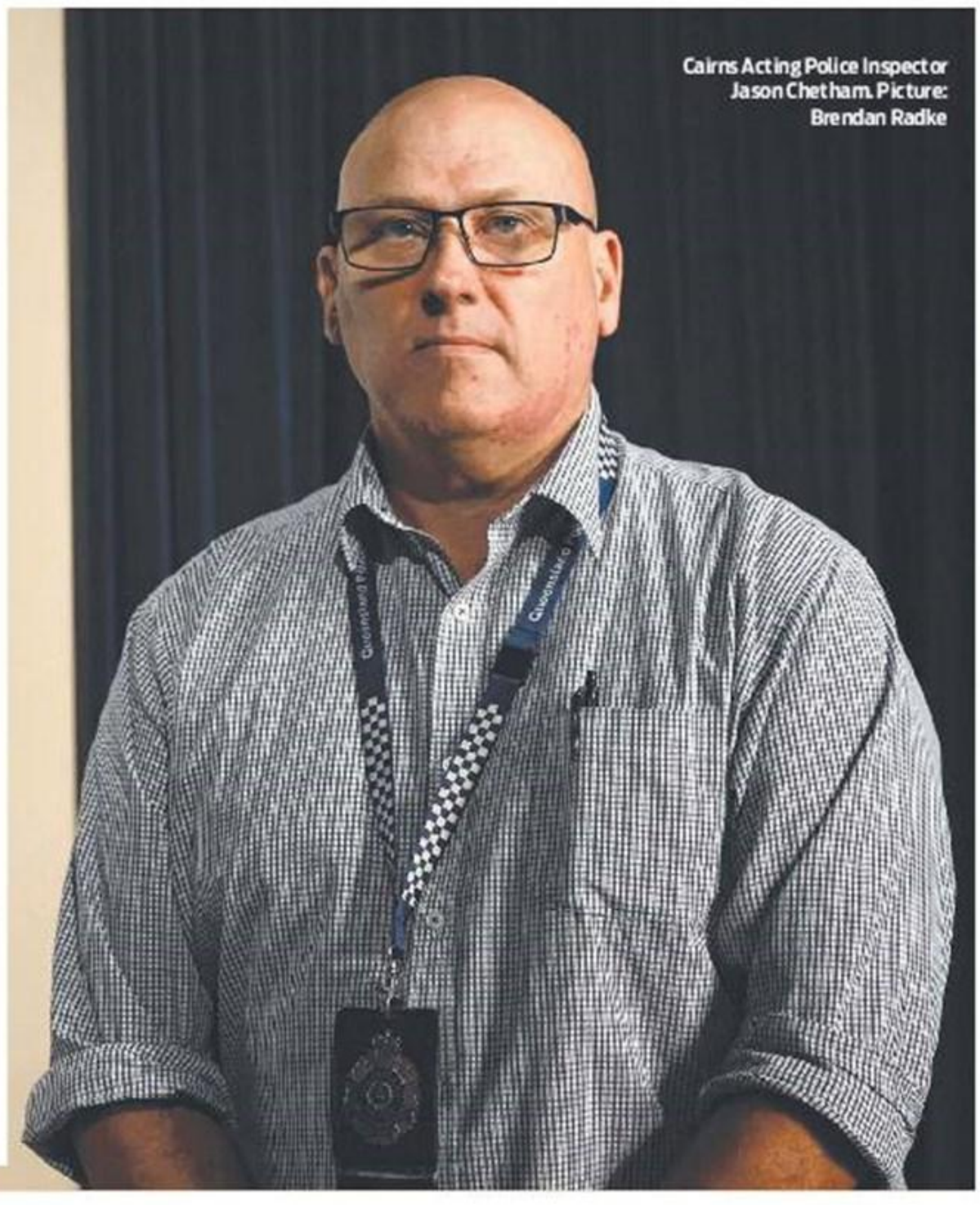
He also said police had targeted repeat offending "ring leaders" influencing others.

"Through co-ordination between our property crime unit, tactical crime squad and the intelligence unit we've put a lot of pressure on people who we know are offending... we work hard to get them as quickly as possible and brought back before the courts," Mr Chetham said.

However, some offence rates have continued to climb.

Rates of assault, sexual offences, robbery, arson and breach of a domestic violence order remained at their highest in more than 20 years.

Sexual offences and breaches of a domestic violence order were among the offence types that increased the most.



Cairns Acting Police Inspector Jason Chetham. Picture: Brendan Radke

Drivers slugged double car rego

Stephanie Bennett

More than 16,000 Queenslanders have been issued duplicate vehicle registration notices in an embarrassing blunder, forcing Transport and Main Roads to cough up an estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars in refunds.

An error in October saw duplicate vehicle registration notices sent out, with 967 Queenslanders promptly paying their bills.

But the October 21 notices had already been mailed on July 21, with Department of Transport and Main Roads saying an error at a mail house vendor contracted by the department resulted in 16,401 customers being incorrectly billed.

"(TMR) has proactively engaged with these customers and automatically refunded over 95 per cent prior to the end of November 2023," a spokeswoman said.

But with some customers paying their bill through Australia Post, the department has been unable to automatically refund the additional 5 per cent – about 45 customers – who have now paid their vehicle registrations twice.

"TMR continues to proactively engage with any outstanding customers to prompt them to take action to have the matter resolved," the spokeswoman said.

The department did not answer questions on how much money had to be refunded, but with a basic annual vehicle registration more than $700, it was estimated it could have been more than half a million dollars.

Newly appointed Transport Minister Bart Mellish – who replaced Mark Bailey – said "human error" was to blame.

Mr Mellish said TMR had undertaken an immediate review of the incident and had received assurances from the third-party provider that "measures were in place to ensure this disappointing error would not happen again".

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Traeger MP Robbie Katter, below left, is calling for a crocodile cull in Queensland.

CULL CALL: CROC SIGHTINGS SOAR

EXCLUSIVE
Jeremy Pierce

Queensland experienced a record number of crocodile sightings last year as debate continues over whether there should be a cull of the fearsome predators lurking in waters of the state's north.

According to data from the Queensland Department of Environment, Science and Innovation, there were 1216 saltwater or estuarine crocodile sightings reported in 2023, beating the previous record of 1185 set in 2021.

The numbers are a huge increase on a decade ago, when there were just 336 sightings reported to the department.

However, a department spokesperson said an increase in sightings did not necessarily mean a surge in crocodile numbers, as the advent of mobile phone apps and online portals made it easier to report sightings. He also said there was no way to distinguish whether a single crocodile had been sighted or reported on multiple occasions.

Outback Queensland politicians Bob and Robbie Katter have long been vocal in calling for a cull of the apex predators, with calls growing louder after the death of Laura pub owner Kevin Darmody in a crocodile attack last April.

There have been four other fatal attacks on humans in Queensland in the past seven years, including the death of fisherman Andrew Heard off Hinchinbrook Island in 2021.

Under Queensland law, crocodiles remain a protected species, with the reptiles only euthanised as a last resort in special cases.

About 50 crocs were relocated last year, with six euthanised.

There has also been a push to allow the harvesting of crocodile eggs as a way to control populations but, according to DESI, no eggs were collected last year.

The number of crocodiles removed from Queensland waterways last year (48) was lower than in the several previous years, with almost half (22) occurring in the Cairns region while nine were removed from waters on the Cassowary Coast near Innisfail.

Speaking to The Courier-Mail, Traeger MP Robbie Katter said it was "absurd" that crocodiles could not be culled despite the growth of populations and the danger posed to humans.

"You can cull pigs, wild dogs, kangaroos, we've even had culls of koalas in Australia, but a man-eating animal that threatens our lives, you can't touch," he said.

Mr Katter called on Queensland to look to the Northern Territory, where crocodiles in proximity to Darwin are culled.

"We could do that around Cairns and five or so other centres in the north and it would still only represent a fraction of the total crocodile population," he said.

However, Queensland Environment Minister Leanne Linard said culls were not on the agenda.

"(We) are committed to managing estuarine crocodiles in a way that protects the public while enabling the continual survival of these iconic animals in the wild," she said. "I am aware of calls to cull crocodiles, but we are not considering this."

A new 'Be Crocwise' public safety strategy will be implemented in 2024, with DESI to start consultation on a new draft Queensland Crocodile Management Plan in the coming months.

People are encouraged to report all crocodiles to DESI as soon as possible by using the QWildlife app, website or by calling 1300 130 372.

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Danes herald a new era as Frederik and Mary reign

MARY DONALDSON WAS A COMMONER WHEN SHE MARRIED A DANISH PRINCE IN 2004, AND NOW SHE IS THE NEWLY-CROWNED, AUSTRALIAN-BORN QUEEN OF DENMARK

Danielle Gusmaroli in Copenhagen, and David Mills

Long live Mary, the newly-crowned, Australian-born Queen of Denmark.

With giant fireworks and parties that were expected to go long into the night, Denmark has welcomed in the reign of Queen Mary and King Frederik, who were proclaimed by Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen on the balcony of Copenhagen's Christiansborg Castle.

Prince Christian

Their ascension to the throne came as Danes honoured the service of their beloved Queen Margrethe II, who announced her decision to abdicate in favour of her son in a televised address on New Year's Day.

Her 52 years on the throne had made her the world's longest-serving monarch, a record she had held since the death of her third cousin, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, in September 2022.

Around 100,000 Danes lined the streets on Sunday to catch a glimpse of Queen Margrethe in her last act as monarch, making her way to Christiansborg Castle in a gold carriage escorted by guards on horseback. Media from 79 countries covered the event.

Former Melburnian Lucas Kraeddergaard, 33, from Copenhagen, was among the Aussies in the crowd at Christiansborg Palace.

"Queen Margrethe's abdication is a moment in history I'll never see again in my lifetime," he said. "Duty has characterised her reign; we're indebted to her. And we're excited about getting a new reign.

"Everyone loves Queen Mary. I've met her several times and whenever she hears my Aussie accent she tells me 'That's so nice.'

Sydney-born Andrew Mina, 43, and his daughter Annika, 12, who live in Copenhagen, said they had camped out early to see the celebrations. They had both met the royal couple, and Annika plays football with the couple's youngest twin daughter, Princess Josephine.

"We're excited to be getting a new reign and an Australian Queen," Mr Mina said.

Annika said of her teammate: "Princess Josephine has been training hard and is really quite good at football and plays attacker. She's really friendly and nice.

"I sometimes see her mum sitting in the car waiting to pick her up after football – they're a pretty cool family," she said.

The transition was put into immediate effect when Queen Margrethe signed a declaration of her abdication in front of the Danish Council of State, as well as Frederik and Mary and their eldest son, Christian, 18, who is now the direct heir to the throne.

> "We're excited to be getting a new reign and an Australian Queen"
>
> **Andrew Mina**
> **Australian living in Copenhagen**

Australian-born Andrew Mina, 43, and his daughter, Annika, 12, live in Copenhagen and will celebrate the proclamation. Picture: Danielle Gusmaroli

While there was no official Australian presence at a brief ceremony following the Council of State meeting, Queen Mary had a reminder of her former home in the presence of her sister Jane Stephens, a Hobart-based pharmacist who is also godmother to Crown Prince Christian. Her father John was unable to attend because of poor health.

Danes got their first glimpse of King Frederik X and Queen Mary when they were proclaimed on the balcony by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen.

Afterwards, the royal couple were transported in the gold carriage to the family abode within Amalienborg Palace.

Crowds jammed the octagonal square outside Amalienborg hoping for a glimpse of their new-look royal family, with the photogenic and still-young ruling couple (Frederik is 55, Mary 51) at its heart.

The occasion was marked by cannon shots at the entrance to Copenhagen Harbour, the raising of the royal flag and, later, a massive fireworks display over the city.

Britain's King Charles was among the other monarchs who sent a message of congratulations, saying that along with his wife, Queen Camilla, "I look forward to working with you on ensuring that the enduring bond between our countries, and our families, remains strong, and to working together with you on issues which matter so much for our countries and the wider world."

He paid tribute to the "many years of service" of Queen Margrethe in his public statement, and wrote to her privately, as well.

Celebrations are set to continue with a parliamentary reception on Monday, and a mass next Sunday.

Hobart-born Mary's path to the Danish crown began in the year 2000, soon after she met the then Prince Frederik in a Sydney bar during the Olympic Games. Their courtship stayed secret until November 2001, when a Danish magazine revealed Mary's identity.

Mary married Frederik in 2004, and she came to be highly regarded by both the Danish people and Queen Margrethe.

With three in four Danes in

Lykke Borup, Nick Procter and Ingrid Geoghegan toast the coronation. Picture: Valeriu Campan

Former Crown Prince Frederik and former Crown Princess Mary of Denmark on the balcony of Amalienborg Palace, top right, in May 2018. The couple are now King and Queen of Denmark following the abdication of Queen Margrethe II, right, who, in her last act as monarch, made her way to Christiansborg Castle in a gold carriage escorted by guards on horseback. Pictures: Getty Images, AFP

Expats toast a jewel in the crown

Charles Miranda

Aussie-born Mary's ascension as Queen of Denmark was the jewel in the crown that will forever tie the two nations, according to expat Danes in Australia.

Australia's modest but passionately proud Danish community was always going to celebrate the once-in-a-generation crowning of a new King and Queen.

But they did so on Sunday with added gusto for the Queen from Down Under, toasting the bonus connection with Akvavit shots and pickled herring and cucumber smorrebrod.

"The Danish community is of course very excited," the Danish Club vice president Lykke Borup said. "Everyone is really supporting it and, for me, (Margrethe) has been the only Queen I've ever known and I'm only in my 40s, so it's definitely a once-in-a-generation kind of event.

"Having that Australian connection (Mary) is now also just making it more exciting for us here, I think. Frederik and Mary, both of them, are like such a power couple, so I think it's perfect timing for the royal family and for them and for their son Christian, too, to step up – he's just turned 18 – as Crown Prince. I couldn't think of a better timing (for succession) ... they will put Denmark more on the map."

The 134-year-old Danish Club is one of the oldest cultural clubs in Australia and is usually closed this time of year but opened its Melbourne headquarters for a succession celebration.

Ms Borup, an award-winning jeweller, has her own personal connection with the royals with her family's jewellery business in Denmark making pieces for the royal family, including Mary.

Fellow ex-pat Dane Rasmus Fiedler, who runs social and cultural gatherings under the banner Young Vikings in Town, also has a royal connection, having met Frederik and Mary in 2011 during a royal visit to Australia. "It's great for us in Australia to have an Australian-born queen," he said. "They are so popular compared to the English royal family ... and to have Mary come here every year for her family is great, but I'm not sure how that will pan out now. She probably won't be able to do that alone any more."

Mr Fiedler said the best thing about having an Aussie queen meant you could read about her regularly in the Australian news.

"I'm not sure if you lived in Hungary you'd be reading the same about the Danish royal court and I don't hear much about the Swedish royal court here either," he joked.

support of the current system, Mary takes her place at the head of one of Europe's most beloved monarchies, at a time when support for royalty in the Netherlands, Sweden and Spain is plummeting.

But the timing is awkward. Queen Margrethe's surprise decision to abdicate, after earlier saying she intended never to do so, and the haste with which the handover happened, fuelled rival conspiracy theories: one that she is in poorer health than previously believed; and the other suggesting the transition was done to sideline recent gossip that Frederik had had an affair with a Mexican socialite in Spain, a claim which that woman denied.

The crowning of the new King and Queen is already creating speculation that a state visit to Australia could be on the cards, although a 2024 trip is considered unlikely because of the planned official visit by King Charles and Queen Camilla.

While state visits by non-British royals are not common in Australia, they do occur.

In 2016, the Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima visited Perth, Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane as the guest of then Governor-General Peter Cosgrove.

A government spokesperson said: "Denmark and Australia are great friends. King Frederick and Queen Mary will always be welcome to visit Australia."

The royal couple could be embarking on several trips in their first 12 months on the throne.

Visits to the Danish territories of Greenland and the Faroe Islands are virtual certainties, while Scotland has already made an unofficial invitation to the couple, because of Queen Mary's Scottish heritage.

"She and Prince Frederik will be hugely welcome in Scotland after his coronation," Scotland's external affairs secretary Angus Robertson was recently quoted as saying.

Labor hit by cost of living

The Albanese government's midterm malaise looks to have taken hold as voters continue to shun its handling of the continued cost of living crunch, new polling shows.

Conducted by Sydney-based pollsters Freshwater Strategy, the new electoral survey shows Labor and the Coalition are neck and neck in the two party preferred stakes at 50 per cent each.

Since the 2022 election, Labor has shed two points while the Coalition has risen by five points, the polling finds.

In a sign of mounting frustration with the government's strategy, just over half of all voters surveyed believe the country is headed in the wrong direction.

Anthony Albanese

The poll indicated that even as 74 per cent of voters identified cost of living pressures as their most pressing issue, 80 per cent say the Albanese government has failed to address the issue.

Household budgets have come under increased strain since early 2022 as soaring inflation sends real incomes in reverse and the Reserve Bank's aggressive round of interest rate hikes strains borrower's ability to meet mortgage repayments.

But as the government doubles down on its green energy strategy, voters are overwhelmingly sceptical of its ability to deliver on its promise to cut household power bills by $275 a year in 2025, when compared with prices before the 2022 election.

The poll found 43 per cent of Labor supporters, 61 per cent of the Greens supporters, and 81 per cent of Coalition supporters didn't expect Energy Minister Chris Bowen to deliver on this commitment.

The scepticism comes despite the Bureau of Statistics reporting that the government's interventions to take the edge of higher power prices have helped keep household costs lower.

The PM can find some solace in the polling data, however, with Mr Albanese (47 per cent) maintaining a lead over Opposition Leader Peter Dutton (38 per cent) on the preferred prime minister measure.

Smoking out the crims

Government's $188m boost to stop illegal tobacco imports

Jack Quail

A major crackdown to stem the illicit tobacco trade will be launched by the Albanese government to target the smuggling and sale of illegally imported cigarettes,

On Sunday, Treasurer Jim Chalmers announced a $188.5m boost deliver a new compliance program over the next four years, to tackle all aspects of the illicit tobacco trade.

Led by the Australian Border Force (ABF), in partnership with Commonwealth, state and territory governments, the funding will assist with targeting and disrupting illicit tobacco in source and transit countries before it reaches Australia.

Consumers can illegally purchase illicit cigarettes for as little as $20 for a pack of 20 at some vape stores, while at legal outlets, a similar product would cost roughly $50.

Under the new funding, the ABF will also introduce technological improvements, including artificial intelligence, to enhance the detection and disruption of illicit tobacco.

By official estimates, the forgone revenue to government coffers of the illicit activity is in excess of $3bn a year.

In 2024, authorities seized 1.7bn illegally imported cigarettes and almost 900 tonnes of loose leaf or "chop chop" tobacco products.

Dr Chalmers said the crackdown was intended to deter the consumption and distribution of illegal tobacco, and send a clear message to traffickers that their trade was a "serious crime".

"Illegal tobacco is more than a problem for the budget, it's a health challenge and it's a challenge to our border security," Dr Chalmers said.

"This new model strengthens our existing efforts by working in partnership with the states and territories and building on the Albanese government's tobacco excise package."

ABF head Michael Outram said his agency was committed to a hard-line stance on the illicit tobacco trade.

"We know illicit tobacco trade is systematically tied to serious and organised criminal groups, and we will work hand-in-hand with domestic and international partners to disrupt their activities," he said.

Authorities have blamed the illicit trade of tobacco as the reason behind a spate of tobacco store fire bombings in recent months, as rival syndicates vie for greater control of the lucrative market, which is then used to fund other illegal activities.

Health Minister Mark Butler said limiting illicit tobacco products was key to reducing the number of smokers.

"We cannot stand by and allow another generation of people to be lured into addiction and suffer the enormous health, economic and social consequences," he said.

Deputy opposition leader David Littleproud welcomed the measure but implored the government to increase regulation at the point of sale.

Kathleen Murry, of Sandford, outside of Hobart, stands on her award-winning lawn, now known as the 'world's ugliest lawn'. Picture: Supplied

Tassie home to 'world's ugliest lawn'

Jessica Wang

The accolade for the World's Ugliest Lawn has been awarded to a Tasmanian resident in a bizarre Swedish competition.

Dirt-ridden, pockmarked and dry, Kathleen Murray's garden took out the top prize, winning her a second-hand brown T-shirt donated by the 2023 winner which reads: "Proud owner of The World's Ugliest Lawn".

The competition, which began as a regional challenge in Sweden's Gotland island, aims to highlight the importance of water conservation, and stands against wasting water on keeping lawns lush and green.

The Sandford area, south-east of Hobart, is regularly hit by drought and water supply issues as its geography makes it difficult for the country to store groundwater.

Speaking to the ABC, Ms Murray said her entry was helped by three wild bandicoots who've taken over her property, decimating the greenery.

"I call them my wildlife of mass destruction, my WMDs," she said.

"I used to think they'd invaded my lawn but then I realised they'd actually liberated me from ever having to mow it ever again."

Get 'fun parts' tested

Tinder and Grindr will be used as part of a fresh push to encourage Aussies to get their "fun parts" tested amid a concerning rise in sexually transmitted diseases.

Health Minister Mark Butler launched the Beforeplay campaign on Sunday in a bid to encourage young Aussies to take their sexual health seriously. "One in six Australians will get an STI (sexually transmitted infection) and the rates of infection are rising, particularly among young people aged 20 to 34," he said. He said the nine-week campaign would help reduce the stigma around testing and prevention.

It will be rolled out on social media, dating apps, around universities and in bars and clubs. It will encourage Aussies to wear protection and book a check-up.

Succession's Sarah Snook

Emmy hopes for Aussie stars

Angie Raphael

Aussie television stars Sarah Snook and Elizabeth Debicki will be hoping to add Emmy Awards to their recent Golden Globe wins for Succession and The Crown, respectively, but both are facing stiff competition.

Snook is nominated for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her celebrated performance in the critically acclaimed drama Succession.

She is competing against New Zealand actor Melanie Lynskey (Yellowjackets), Bella Ramsey (The Last of Us), Elisabeth Moss (The Handmaid's Tale), Sharon Horgan (Bad Sisters) and Keri Russell (The Diplomat).

Debicki won a Golden Globe for a supporting role on television in The Crown where she played the late Princess Diana. Her Emmy nomination is also for supporting actress in a drama series.

The first-time nominee faces competition from The White Lotus actresses Jennifer Coolidge, Meghann Fahy, Sabrina Impacciatore, Aubrey Plaza and Simona Tabasco, as well as Rhea Seehorn (Better Call Saul) and J. Smith-Cameron (Succession).

The 75th annual Emmy Awards will take place on Tuesday Australian time.

Hamas 'targets' Europe

Mossad foils plot to attack Israeli embassy in Sweden

TEL AVIV: A Hamas terror plot targeting Israel's embassy in Sweden and Jewish sites in Europe has been thwarted by Israeli intelligence agencies Mossad and Shin Bet, according to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The network, allegedly orchestrated by Hamas commanders in Lebanon, had plans for more attacks in Europe, involving the acquisition of drones and collaboration with European criminal organisations, Israel said.

:"Israel had discovered details on theatres of operation, terror targets, and on those involved in carrying out attacks

Benjamin Netanyahu

— from Hamas commanders in Lebanon to the last of the attackers in the operational infrastructure," Mr Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

This revelation follows a series of uncovered plots in Europe in recent weeks.

In December, European authorities arrested Hamas cells in Denmark, Germany, and Holland, suspecting their involvement in plotting attacks on Jewish targets.

Danish police found seven individuals linked to a foiled terror attack in December had Hamas connections, confirming Mr Netanyahu's assertion about Hamas expanding its operations into Europe.

"The alleged connection to Hamas confirms that the threat against Denmark is serious, but luckily we have a strong police and intelligence service doing their best to protect us every day," Danish Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard said.

Meanwhile, Mr Netanyahu doubled down on his vows to defeat Hamas, as the UN marked the 100th day of the war, saying it was "staining humanity".

"The massive death, destruction, displacement, hunger, loss and grief of the last 100 days are staining our shared humanity," the head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said in the Gaza Strip.

And the International Court of Justice in The Hague last week heard arguments in a case launched by South Africa accusing Israel of breaching the UN Genocide Convention.

But Mr Netanyahu insisted no court or military foe could stop Israel from destroying Hamas.

"No one will stop us – not The Hague, not the Axis of Evil and no one else," he said.

"It is possible and necessary to continue until victory, and we will do it," he said, claiming most Hamas battalions in Gaza had been "eliminated".

Health officials in Gaza said recent Israeli strikes killed at least 60 people, while Israel said it struck dozens of rocket launchers that were "ready to be used" in central Gaza.

US sends 'message' to Iran on Houthis

SANAA: The US launched fresh strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen as President Joe Biden said he had delivered a "private message" to Iran about its links to the group.

The strikes came a day after US and British forces hit scores of targets in Yemen, heightening fears that Israel's war with Palestinian Hamas militants could engulf the region.

The Houthis, who say they are acting in solidarity with Gaza, have carried out missile and drone attacks on what they deem Israeli-linked shipping on the key Red Sea trade route.

Joe Biden

Iran is suspected of supplying the Houthis with weapons and intelligence, but Tehran denies involvement. Nevertheless, Mr Biden said his government had given Iran a message.

"We delivered it privately and we're confident we're well-prepared," he said.

US Central Command said its forces attacked a Houthi radar site early on Saturday as "a follow-on action" related to the previous day's strikes.

A Houthi-allied military source said a site on the outskirts of the Red Sea port city of Hodeida which the rebels used to launch a rocket was hit.

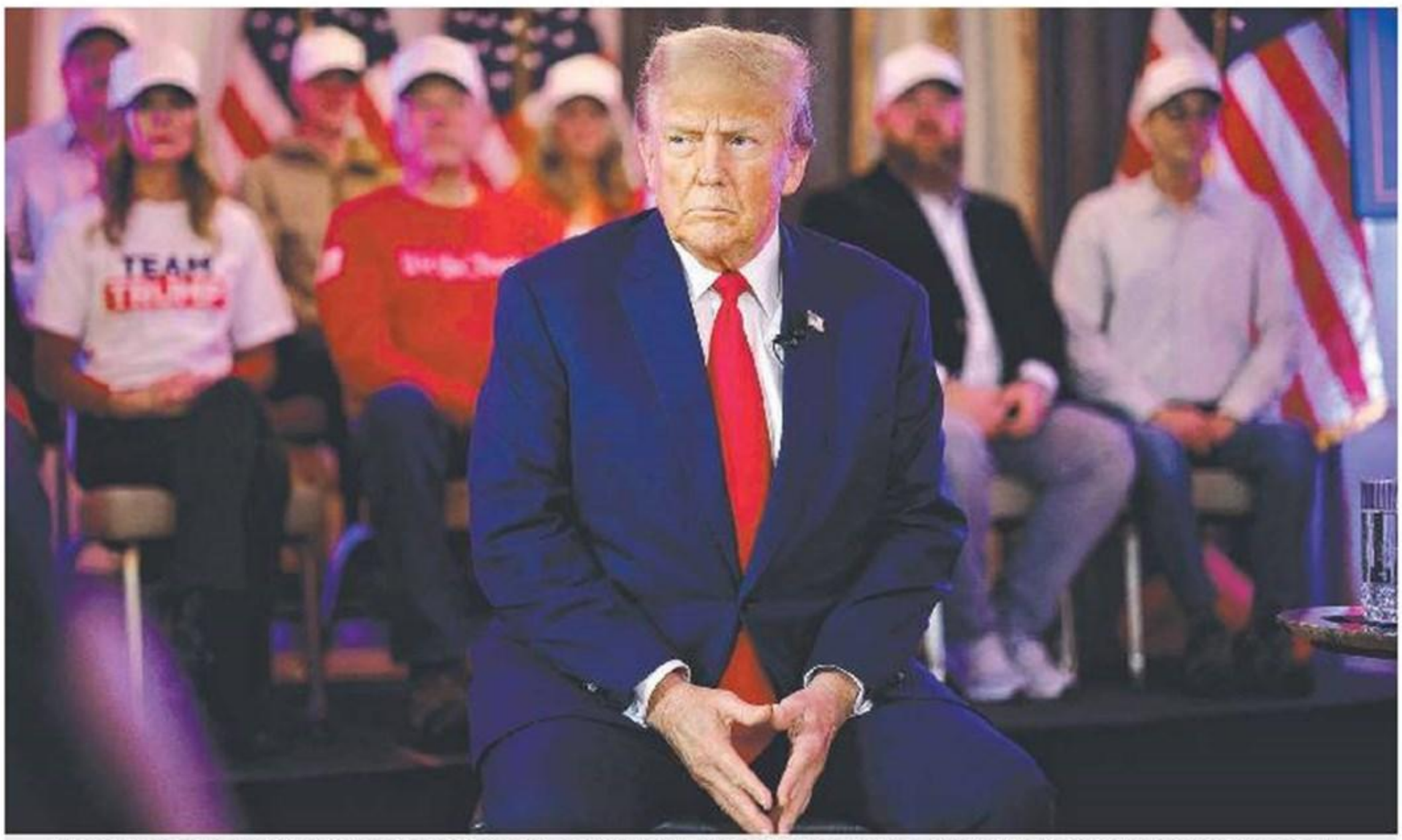
The Houthis' official media earlier said Al-Dailami airbase in Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa had been struck in the latest bombardment.

Rebel forces in north Sanaa had shut the area around the airbase and only residents with permits from neighbourhood chiefs were allowed to enter.

UN special envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg urged "all involved" to avoid actions that would endanger maritime trade and "fuel regional tensions at this critical time".

Mr Grundberg noted "with serious concern" the impact of the "increasingly precarious regional context" on Yemen and called for diplomacy to be prioritised.

Britain, the United States and eight allies - including Australia - said strikes on Friday aimed to "de-escalate tensions", but the Huthis vowed to continue their attacks.



Sub-zero temperatures and blizzards forced Donald Trump into an indoor 'telerally' in Des Moines as the Iowa caucuses kick off the US election year. Picture: Getty

Election heats up in frigid Iowa caucuses

DES MOINES: Voters will venture into sub-zero temperatures on Monday to kick off the Republican presidential nomination race with the Iowa caucuses, the first major test of whether runaway front-runner Donald Trump is as much of a sure thing as he appears.

With a commanding lead in polls, the ex-president is expected easily to win the Midwestern state's first-in-the-nation vote as he bids to be the Republican standard-bearer against President Joe Biden in November.

But Iowans may have to contend with the coldest conditions in the modern era of presidential election campaigns, with blizzards and a potential wind chill of minus 32 degrees.

Trump and his leading rivals, Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis, were forced to cancel appearances because of the weather as the threat to the turnout added intrigue to the campaign.

Despite his poll strength, Trump's multiple legal cases still hang over him.

"If DeSantis's massive ground effort, coupled with a recent Haley surge, can drag Trump under 50 percent by several points, that will be the first meaningful sign that Trump can be defeated," said political analyst Alex Avetoom.

Buried alive in landslide

BOGOTA: At least 33 people have been killed in landslides in Colombia, including many who had taken shelter in a house after the road they were travelling on was cut off.

"I deeply regret the death of 33 people in this tragedy, mostly children, according to preliminary reports," vice president Francia Marquez wrote on social media.

Firefighters, soldiers and local residents slogged through deep mud and debris in hopes of finding survivors, while relatives stood nearby.

Many travellers had left their cars to take shelter in a house near the municipality of Carmen de Atrato.

"But unfortunately, a landslide came and buried them," said a local official.

Images on social media showed part of a mountain breaking loose and crashing down onto a line of cars.

Soldiers patrol Ecuador's streets

Hostages freed as chaos reigns

QUITO: More than 40 Ecuador prison officials taken hostage by inmates have been freed, as the country grapples with a brutal campaign of gang terror.

The 24 guards and 17 administrative employees had been released, the SNAI prisons agency said, while 133 guards and three employees continue to be held hostage.

The workers were taken captive after President Daniel Noboa last week launched a military takedown of criminal groups, sparking a deadly confrontation with narco gangs.

The crisis was triggered by the escape from Guayaquil prison of one of the country's most powerful narco bosses, Jose Adolfo Macias, followed by prison riots, hostage-taking and attacks on police.

At least 19 people have died in the violence, including a guard killed on Saturday in clashes with inmates in El Oro near the border with Peru.

According to the latest official report, 859 suspects have been arrested, 25 escaped detainees have been recaptured, five "terrorists" shot dead and 57 kidnapped people have been released.

A chilling video filmed in Machala prison shows the corpse of a prisoner wrapped in plastic thrown into the street from inside the jail.

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Call to arms

Like it or lump it, Les Walker's call to get your skin checked is an important one.

Whatever fringe of the political divide you may have found yourself on at this point in your life, there's no denying common sense.

Our more cynical readers wouldn't expect to find much of that at a political press conference, not far from an election, but Les Walker's reminder to get your skin checked early and often and not to be afraid of the prospect of minor surgery to remove cancerous cells, is one we are sadly still in need of.

National Institute of Health studies have routinely found that Tropical North Queensland, our beloved Townsville included, is still the region hardest hit by melanoma and other skin cancers.

According to the Cancer Council of Australia, half of the people living in our region will be diagnosed with some form of cancer by age 80.

For other forms of cancer, we're told to maintain a healthy diet, exercise and limit smoking and alcohol.

For skin cancer, with the sun an ever-present part of our lives, prevention is much more difficult.

Health and skin checks are necessary, and should almost be a constant thought for many in our region who work outside, or spend a significant amount of time outdoors.

Even Mr Walker, who gets his skin checked frequently, admitted while talking to one of our journalists about the topic after a recent check-up that his role as a politician had hampered the frequency of his health checks.

"What you see on the skin could be 20 times as big under the surface, and that's where the real damage is," Mr Walker said.

"It's quite scary.

"(I) even had a basal cell carcinoma under my watch just recently.

"I just implore people to go get your skin checked, because it may save your life."

While a rudimentary check of your body and any troublesome spots can help alert you to the dangers that may be lurking under your skin, some complex forms of skin cancer like nodular and desmoplastic melanomas can only be identified by trained professionals. So a proper check-up is vital to staying healthy.

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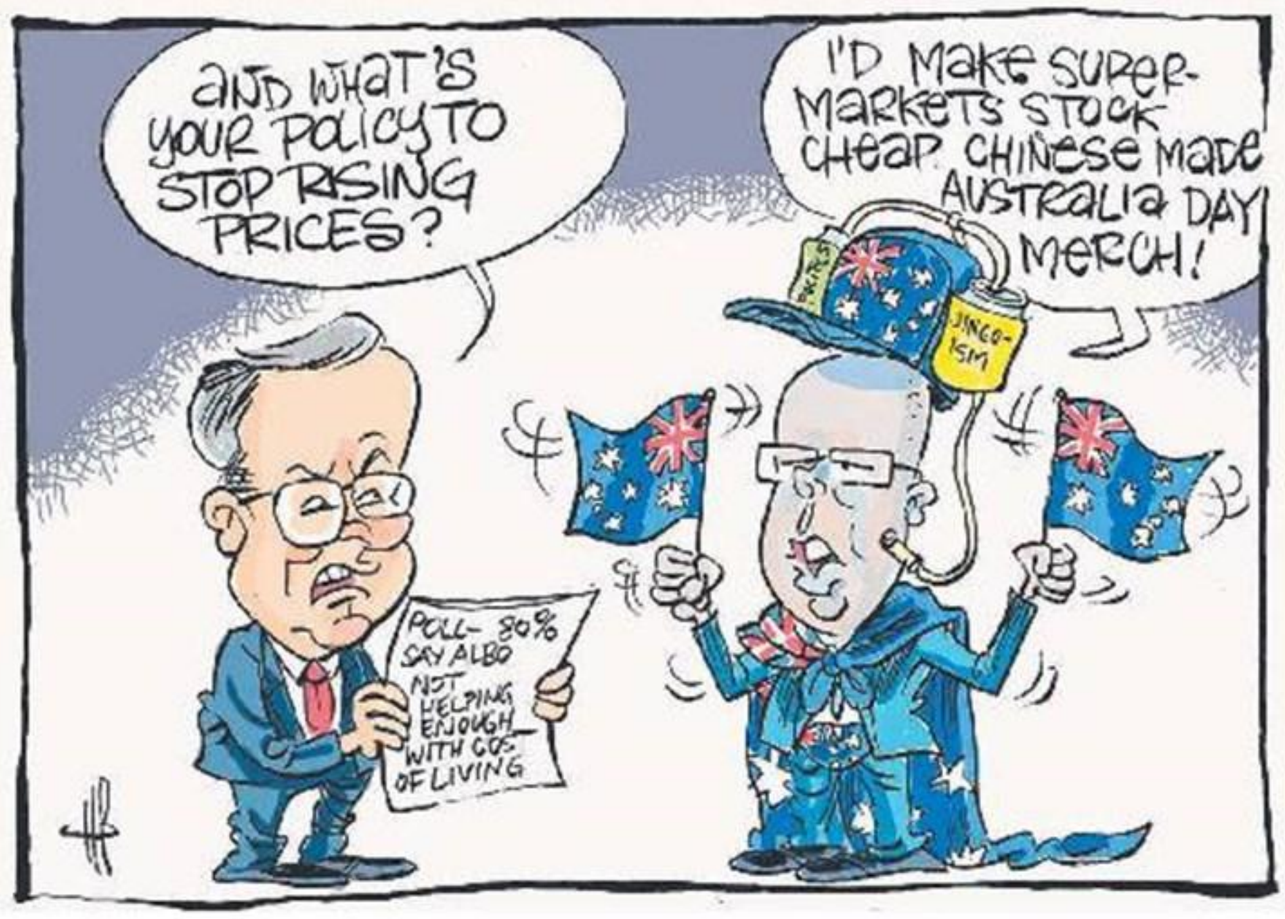
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Your Say

THE BEST COMMENTS FROM ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

Teenager charged over Cowboy's stolen car

Good, now for the toughest juvenile justice laws to come into play ... right Aaron Harper MP and Les Walker MP? Boys ... boys ... come on there is a photo op with a Cowboys player here!
Michael Charge.

Make them pay for the damage, give them four years' jail. Stop giving repeat offenders bail.
Nick McBride.

Desperate families added to waiting list amid Queensland housing crisis

Build more houses? It's not that easy or simple. There's a dire shortage of materials, labourers, contractors etc and builders are already competing in a very tight market.
Anthony Beesley.

I'm sure with the right government subsidies those problems would be fixed. Let's face it, taxpayers' money would be better spent that way than more than half the brain-dead schemes we're paying for at the moment.
Raymond Cremen.

Cowboys program celebrates 74 job-ready graduates

I have many friends/family coming out of this course with employment and friendship with their mentor, whom is my father and it makes me so proud knowing he's helping the community.
Shardae Wilson-Reuben.

Best program ever. All six of my daughters completed it and now have employment and love working in this industry. Congratulations to all.
Kay Dee O'Neill.

Monsoon rains forecast for Australia's northern regions

I will believe it for Townsville only when it happens. I feel for those in the Far North still dealing with the aftermath of cyclone Jasper and subsequent flooding.
Maggie Cornwall.

If it was predicted by the BOM it'll be wrong.
Ben Waller.

Monsoons are a regular feature of the wet season. It is just that we have not had a decent wet season for decades. We have forgotten what it used to be like – wet, hot and humid.
Jeanie Johnston.

Crazy amount of rain for Far NQ who have already copped enough. Take care up there. We are still waiting for some decent rainfall in our area.
Raylea Thomson.

OMG monsoon rains finally! Just as I remember.
Donna Leigh.

Text the Editor

Talk about price gouging. Farmers are paid peanuts for their meat, but customers were still paying high prices. Coles finally (one example) put their lamb down to $8 a kilo, now their lamb is $12/kg. Thank you Mr Albanese for your great concern for struggling families, not. JAN, 4815.

In your lifetime, it is estimated that you will eat more than 7000 animals, so simply choosing not to do this spares a lot of lives. That's a lot of factory farming, long-distance live transportation, antibiotic usage and slaughter that just won't happen. Choose to eat more plant-based foods in 2024. HJL, TOWNSVILLE.

Steve from Guramblahblah wouldn't understand that Australia Day isn't about profit, it's about recognising and celebrating everyday fellow Australians by everyday fellow Australians. Instead of 'buy, buy' Woolworths it may be 'bye, bye' Woolworths. The Australian public may soon shelve our unprofitable underperforming state and federal governments.

THE SAINT, CASTLE HILL.

Davo, Heatley, what a captivating text on Friday regarding the great service your partner received from Qld Health. I'm so bored with reading so many political or government texts I had nearly stopped reading the opinion page. BOB, 4818.

Does anyone else remember how the Police Citizens Youth Clubs used to operate? Every afternoon you'd have around 10–40 young kids in the gym slogging away on the punching bags and speed balls. Music up loud and the sweet sound of skipping ropes on rubber mats. There was always a policeman there getting to know each and every one of you. Without Judgement, he would come around offering words of encouragement. It gave the lads a sense of pride and accomplishment and a sense of teamwork and camaraderie. Get back to the basics.

BIG W, RAILWAY ESTATE.

Jack from Annandale's incorrect view of the free market, (TTE, 13/01): "Conservatives: Our society should have a free market, controlled by supply and demand. Woolworths removes low-demand Australia Day items. Conservatives: No, not like that!" Here's what actually happens: "Conservatives: Bye, Woolworths, I'm shopping at IGA now." Woolworths' profit goes down because they reduced their own demand. That's how the free market works, Jack. JS, EDGE HILL.

The politicians don't influence me. I'd already decided to boycott Wokeworths when they snubbed their noses at Australia Day. It's time foreign corporations stopped trying to change our culture.

JEFF, CONDON.

Attention morning commuters, please do the speed limit, no more 50 in a 60/80 zone. Move off when the light turns green, sitting at a red light is not the time to check your messages. No need for two car lengths of gap between cars when waiting at lights, move up when a car stops behind you so the turn lane traffic can also move up. If all these things scare you or don't make sense, wait till 9am before clogging the roadway. Drive safe and be courteous.
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What do Europeans know about trusty Aussie ute?

Vikki Campion

I tried to buy a ute yesterday. Not just any ute, but a ute that meets the new European standards Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen snuck in three days before Christmas.

We are told how fabulous they are on paper, so I was keen to actually give one a run around the farm.

The sales girl ran through her nationwide database and said: "I am really sorry, but currently, I am unable to suggest any models that qualify for Euro 6D standards."

So I went down to my local regional car dealership and asked them if any of them had even seen one of these wonderful utes that we are told meet Euro 6D standards at any road shows or events, and not one of them had.

"Don't sweat it," the dealer told me. "We will all be driving EVs."

And then he laughed and laughed at his own joke.

We don't have a single ute that qualifies for Euro 6D on the Australian market right now – and phasing in over next year, that's all we will eventually be allowed to buy brand new.

Rather than letting the market have a look at these new utes before the new regulations are enforced, they are telling us to buy a vehicle that nobody has even been able to take for a test drive.

Just have a look at the specs.

The Euro 6D standard equivalent of one of Australia's best-selling vehicles, the Toyota HiLux, that is sold in the UK has a 2.4-litre engine. That's about half the capacity of the Toyota LandCruiser we use to spray weeds on the farm at the moment.

That engine is just dandy on a sealed road in the middle of the city but will it be enough when you have weight on the back and need to go up a rough track uphill?

We will be forced into far less powerful vehicles thanks to Bowen and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who between the two of them wouldn't know how to change a spark plug.

For farmers, plumbers, builders, couriers and delivery people, the work vehicle is an appendage of the body. If you can't move it, lift it, carry it, or pull it out, the ute will – or once would. After 2025, buying a new ute that can carry tools and half a tonne of concrete up a hill will start to become a distant memory.

While Albanese's ministry has begun each day this week earnestly talking about the soaring cost of living, a few days before Christmas they dropped in the sneaky regulation to ostensibly save the planet that will make vehicles, fuel and services even more expensive.

Consultation with motorists ran for less than one month in the lead-up to Christmas 2022.

Then, under the cover of Christmas in 2023, it changed the reg to eventually ban the sale of new cars that do not meet specific European 6D standards – all as part of this inane fascination with trying to imitate Europe.

The average size of a farm in Europe is less than 50 acres. Even small farms in Australia are 10 times that size. The average farm in Australia is more than 200 times that size, and the average Australian cropping farm is more than 300 times a European one.

We are nothing like Europe. Not only are our farms vastly bigger, but our terrain is harder to traverse. An electric vehicle that can hurtle around the undulating 50 acres of a European dairy farm will quickly lose its spark running up the steep rocky mountains of Weabonga carrying 500 litres of weed spray.

The trusty Toyota HiLux.

A plumber who starts a day fixing a leak and then needs to cart out half a tonne of asphalt isn't going to get very far without grunt.

Anything that makes their work tools less effective will make your bill to fix the pipe more expensive – or will make them poorer.

In announcing the changes, Mr Bowen claimed European standards would cut 18 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

The federal government ignored the pleas of manufacturers, who argued that newer vehicle technology is incompatible with Australia's current fuel.

Even right-hand drive manufacturers such as Toyota argued the "regulatory system introduced needs to take into consideration the unique conditions of the Australian market, and therefore it is not appropriate to apply the same parameters as used in overseas markets". Such as Europe.

Keep in mind that Australia is 1 per cent of the global car market.

How many manufacturers will make specific right-hand drive utility trucks for us that meet European standards?

My long summer break was truly frightful

Amber Petty

As Australia slowly emerges from its longer-than-any-country summer break, many of us have potentially spent a shameful amount of time horizontal, watching movies.

And, like me, you might have discovered there's a hell of a lot of disturbing content that's likely to keep you awake at night, well after the credits have rolled.

For a nation like ours, known for being laid-back, outdoorsy, good at kicking balls and swimming for gold medals, we're also world-class at being very, very creepy.

Growing up as a kid in the 1970s and '80s, I vowed never to visit America.

My calculations came after watching the likes of Evil Dead, The Exorcist, and The Amityville Horror, which led me to believe there were too many old houses, and most of them had latchkey demons that could turn up at any second.

And no matter how many Catholic priests you had on speed dial, things ended badly.

Holidaying this summer with friends, and a gaggle of kids, I was lured into the TV room on more than one occasion.

Mostly it was through curiosity, occasionally by invitation, because I like to think I'm 'that' aunty.

Perched on the sliver of sofa left unoccupied – the kids cling to each other like larvae – I was given a tutorial on the whole horror movie genre.

Despite staying true to my long-held "no demon" policy, what held me in the dark (knowing I'd pay dearly later) was my amazement at how artistically advanced these films are these days.

And, more so, how many Aussies have infiltrated this once US-dominated genre.

While I've been navigating adulthood, albeit still as 'that' aunty, Australia has been giving the effortlessly psychotic Americans a run for their money – from Insidious (2010), directed by James Wan with characters written by Leigh Whannell, starring Rose Byrne and Angus Sampson, to Babadook (2014), written and directed by Jennifer Kent, starring Essie Davis.

And the kids' favourite was Talk to Me (2022), written by Danny Philippou and Bill Hinzman, and starring Miranda Otto and Sophie Wilde.

We've come a long way since Lara Bingle famously looked down the barrel of the camera, and asked the world, "So where the bloody hell are you?"

If you've just spent the summer watching the above, the answer might well be "under the bloody bed" or "moving to Fiji".

Amber Petty is a Melbourne writer

ON THIS *day*

69 Roman Emperor Servius Sulpicius Galba, who succeeded Nero in 68AD, is assassinated by the Praetorian Guard in the Roman Forum.

1559 Elizabeth I is crowned Queen of England.

1790 Mutineers aboard the ship HMS Bounty and their Tahitian partners arrive at Pitcairn Island, where they hope to establish a colony.

1797 James Hetherington, a London haberdasher, is fined for wearing his newest creation, the top hat.

1834 A mutiny on Norfolk Island by 162 convicts, is put down by the captain of the guard, Foster Fyans. Two convicts are killed, seven are fatally injured and another 13 will hang.

1894 Australia's first steel rolling mill opens at the Eskbank Ironworks, near Lithgow.

1922 The Irish Free State is established under Michael Collins.

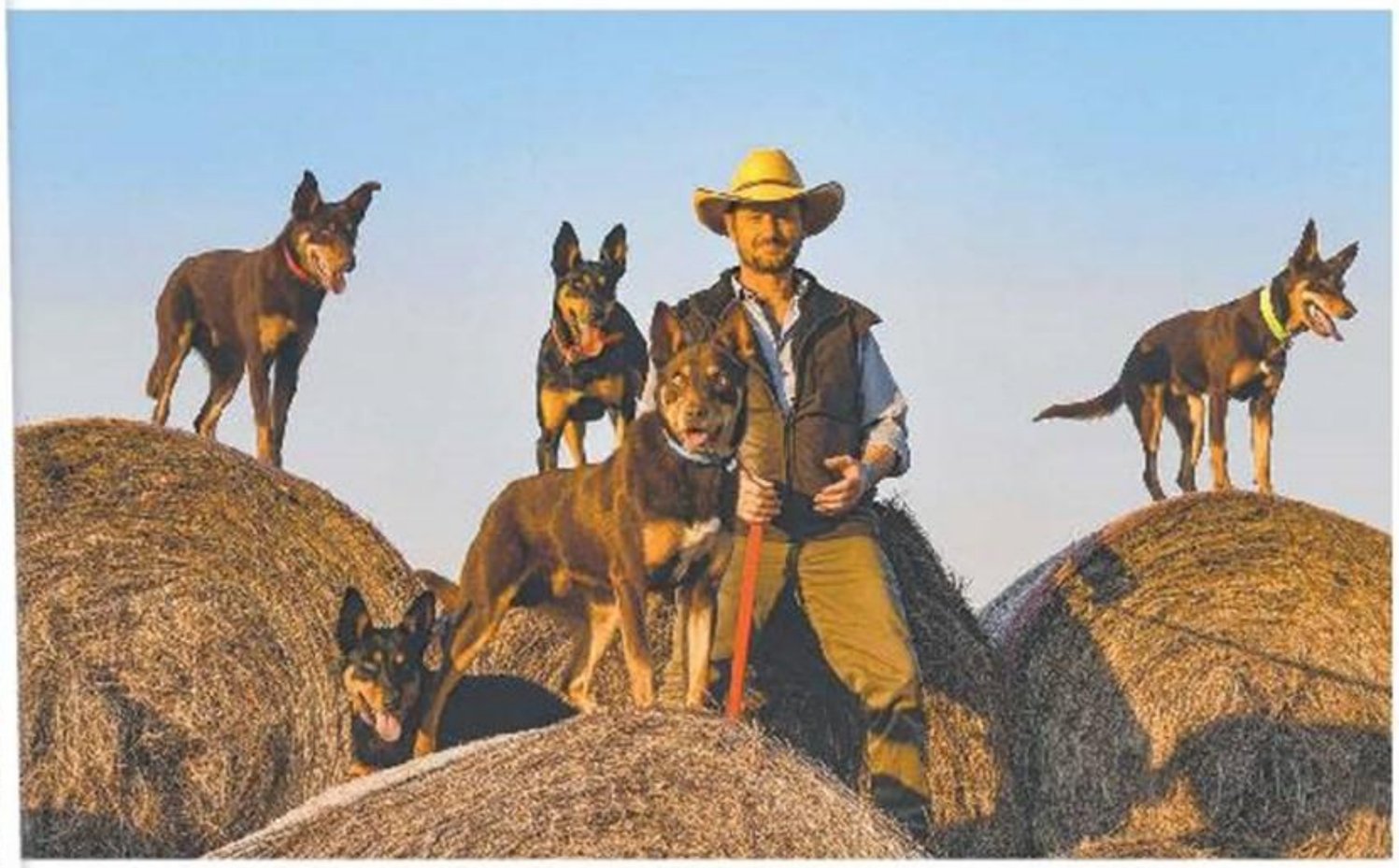
1943 The Pentagon is completed in Washington.

1967 The Rolling Stones appear on The Ed Sullivan Show on US TV network CBS. CBS critics don't like words to the song, Let's Spend the Night Together, so order the group to change the words to Let's Spend Some Time Together.

2001 Wikipedia, a free internet-based encyclopaedia that operates under an open-source management style, debuts. It was founded by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.

2008 Sea Shepherd activists Giles Lane and Benjamin Potts are detained on Japanese whaling vessel Yashin Maru No 2 after jumping aboard in protest against whaling in the Southern Ocean.

2009 US Airways flight 1549, piloted by Captain Chesley ("Sully") Sullenberger III, lands in the Hudson River (above) after the plane flew into a flock of Canada geese shortly after takeoff, resulting in severe damage to the plane's engines. There were no fatalities.



ALL IN A DAY'S HERD WORK

Muster Dogs was an unexpected TV smash hit, introducing Aussies to the cutest country canines. Now it's back for a second season – and host **LISA MILLAR** has written a book as well. In this exclusive extract she examines why so many farmers are turning back to old-fashioned puppy-power and, with the series breed changing, asks the big question: kelpies or collies?

(Main) Lisa Millar and friends; (top left) Joni Hall with Chet; (top) Joe Spicer with his kelpies; (below) Aticia Gray with Gossip. Pictures: Jesse Smith, Steve Strike

Carolyn Hudson with her pups, and below, Ash Barky. Pictures: Ben Emery, Melissa Spencer

Molly, one of our Muster Dogs Series Two border collies, is in the back of the ute on the day I visit contestant Russ Fowler and his family – along with Chief, an eight-year-old huntaway, and Ted, a four-year-old kelpie, and they're busting to get to work. By the time we get to a paddock full of ewes they're desperate to jump out and round them up.

Chief and Ted do most of the work, moving through a semicircle behind the sheep. Molly, who's less than a year old when I meet her, is still learning the trade. "It's very rewarding as they grow up and hit different milestones and watching them get something for the first time," Russ says. "I just love my dogs and they're a part of me."

His dogs all have different personalities and different traits. "They're like tools in a toolbox and you need to have lots of different tools to get the job done."

Huntaways were originally bred as farm dogs in New Zealand, and Russ says his are pretty laid-back. "They're quite happy to sit there and enjoy the day or they're quite happy to get in there and work. In heavily undulating country they're really good because they stand up on the top of the hill and they bark and the echo of the bark pushes the animals away from them. Hence, the name huntaway," Russ explains.

One of the benefits of working with dogs is that on steep hills you don't need to use a motorbike or a buggy and so you're avoiding occupational health and safety risks. Cutting down on the use of machinery has been one of the prime reasons many farmers are turning to working dogs. It's safer and cheaper and the stock are calmer.

Aticia Grey, from series one of Muster Dogs, found the transition to working with dogs so worthwhile that she'll readily say she'd rather work with them than a bigger team of people. "As soon as you add machinery to the equation you're adding a lot more people around that you need to manage and I really like the idea of it just being a couple of us working, getting the job done with a couple of teams of working dogs," she says.

It might take a little longer with dogs and she's OK with slowing the process down when she heads out to muster, especially when she sees the cost benefit.

"You don't have the cost of machinery, and diesel is not going to get any cheaper. So if we can pull our labour (costs) and our reliance on heavy machinery down, I really think it's going to improve our lifestyle; it's just going to make it more enjoyable."

There's no way of knowing exactly how many working dogs there are in Australia. A report for government organisation AgriFutures puts the number between 270,000 and 300,000.

The same study revealed that dogs on sheep farms typically work for five hours a day, five days a week during the peak period of shearing, and they typically cover more than 40 kilometres a day.

The researchers estimated that you get a 5.2-fold return on your investment in a good working dog. Many of the farmers and dog handlers I've spoken to believe a good dog is worth a couple of workers.

CJ Scotney from series one remembers the first time she watched one man on his quad bike moving 1500 head of cattle with just his dogs.

"We were gobsmacked," she says, explaining the moment she and her husband, Joe, decided that's how they wanted to run their property as well.

"The cattle were calm, the manager on his bike was calm, there was just no hoo-haa about it." There's also the loyalty and companionship that working dogs offer their masters – something that has been a constant on the land.

"They pick up on all the little things, whether you're having a good day or a bad day," Russ Fowler says.

There are plenty of different farm dog breeds, but it's kelpies and collies that make up the

(Above) Zoe Miller works with her dogs, and (below) filming Muster Dogs season two with a drone. Pictures: Jesse Smith, Melissa Spencer

Buddy makes friends, and (above) Russ Fowler's son Charlie with Molly. Pictures: Ben Emery, Brad Smith

majority of working dogs in Australia. Both breeds are intelligent, energetic and independent.

The first border collies were imported to Australia in 1900 from farms along the border of England and Scotland. Kelpies have been around for a little longer, and the Victorian town of Casterton, population 1700, is considered their birthplace.

Breeder, trainer and historian Nancy Withers tells the story of a young Irish bloke called Jack Gleeson, who in 1871 swapped a horse for a black and tan female pup he named Kelpie. The little dog came from the litter of a couple of different breeds of collies from Scotland and was the start of this new breed of Australian working dog.

The pups in series one were all kelpies, whereas in series two they were border collies. So which is the better breed?

Our Muster Dogs trainer Neil McDonald puts it like this: "What's better, a Holden or a Ford? Well, it doesn't matter which one it is, but it's the model. They used to say you didn't want a car made on a Monday morning or a Friday afternoon because on a Monday morning the workers might be hungover and on a Friday they're thinking about knocking off for the weekend, so you wanted the model made on a Wednesday. It's not whether they're kelpies or collies, it's the family line within the breed that's important."

Regardless, Neil is less interested in where the dogs are from and more interested in where they're going. "A lot of effort and energy and ideas and talk go into the dogs' origins. I reckon that same amount of effort needs to go into 'How do we get these dogs going better?' People need to learn to talk to their dogs, not about their dogs."

It's entertaining listening to the breeders and farmers describe the differences between collies and kelpies. Rob Tuncks turns to a car analogy as well. "If your car is basically neat, all your tools are in the appropriate places and if you haven't got stuff on the floor and empty cans rolling around, you're probably more of a collie person. If your tools are sort of half-arsed and you cannot use the brake properly because there are beer cans getting stuck under the pedals, then you're probably more of a kelpie person. If you're like, 'She'll be right, just do it your way, don't cause the stock any trouble, get to the right spots, don't bite, bark at the right times, just do it your way and I'll leave you alone,' then that's a kelpie.

"So, kelpies generally don't like being told what to do very much. Whereas collies, you can boss them around, you can move them left, move them right, move them in; they love being told what to do. Some days I am a collie person and some days kelpie – that's why I have both."

This is an edited extract from *Muster Dogs: From Pups to Pros* by Lisa Millar, published by HarperCollins on January 17, 2024. Series two of *Muster Dogs* is on Sundays at 7.30pm on ABC TV and is also on ABC iview.

WHEN ART IMITATES LIFE

Real faces

TRENT DALTON'S BEST-SELLING BOOK HAS OPENED AS A NETFLIX SERIES AND WE MEET SOME OF ITS CHARACTERS

Andrew Rule

If crime didn't pay, there wouldn't be any – but that isn't good career advice. The downside of the dark side is that the risks are high and the superannuation lousy: Old crooks end up dead or dead broke. Few get famous, even fewer live to see themselves in books or on the screen.

Gary Lawrence isn't famous. But the old-time hard man this week gets to see a "factional" version of himself played by one of the most dashing Australian actors to crack Hollywood, Travis Fimmel.

There was a time when Lawrence reckoned he wouldn't make 30, let alone 80. He was renowned for serving the most time in Brisbane's Boggo Road Jail without actually being convicted of murder.

Lawrence was a rare creature: A genuinely staunch crook who'd never struck a deal with police to stitch up another offender. But it wasn't until a character based on him featured in the best-selling book Boy Swallows Universe that the wider world glimpsed the streetfighter with the soft heart.

The book's author, journalist Trent Dalton, drew on a cast of characters from a childhood spent in the suburban badlands among losers and boozers, addicts and dealers and killers. His genius is to sieve gold dust and silver linings from dark clouds and desperation.

Where others, even his own brothers, might recall more misery than magic, Dalton the unsinkable optimist weaves a mesmerising tale that is part love story, part fantasy and part homage to flawed heroes.

One is his mother, named "Frankie Bell" in the new Netflix series based on his book. One is convicted murderer and serial jail escapee "Slim" Halliday, the "Houdini of Boggo Road", who babysat the Dalton kids and is played by Bryan Brown in the series.

One is his natural father Noel Dalton, the "Robert Bell" played so powerfully by Simon Baker that Trent was moved to tears about the alcoholic no-hoper who gave him hope through a love of books and reading. But the most powerful and appealing adult figure in the screen version is Fimmel's character "Lyle Orlik", based squarely on Lawrence who, in real life, shielded Dalton's mother from bad choices and treated her and her small boys with rare kindness. On paper, Lawrence was just another recidivist crook. But he won respect. Even in the snakepit of prison, both officers and inmates trusted him as a straight shooter. As head cook, he was unofficial "king of Boggo Road".

One jail mate, gambler Robert North, recalls the long-ago Christmas Day when a young prisoner, a red-headed tearaway named Dean King, was turning 21. Maybe the kid reminded Lawrence of his younger self. He made him a birthday cake and the prisoners in his yard signed a card and sang: "Happy Birthday".

North, who knows Lawrence well, says it was one of the kindest acts he saw in prison, one that ultimately helped steer young King away from crime and into a productive life.

Outside, Lawrence amazed the few people willing to employ a tattooed, hard-swearing jailbird because he was a hard worker, trustworthy and capable – apart from occasionally pulling a robbery during his lunch break. It was Lawrence who set up the Dalton boys with a big playhouse, complete with an air conditioner, behind the house he got their mother in Ipswich, near Brisbane. And it was Lawrence the robber turned drug-dealer – and self-taught builder – who made an underground hideaway beneath the bathroom with a disguised entrance in the floor of a cupboard. The adult Trent Dalton later re-imagined this secret bunker as an escape hatch for his childhood alter-ego, Eli Bell, the wildly imaginative boy whose story of survival is the heart of the story.

It was only later, as a talented, street-smart young reporter mixing with lawyers, police and seasoned crime writers that Dalton realised how much he knew about who was who in the criminal zoo.

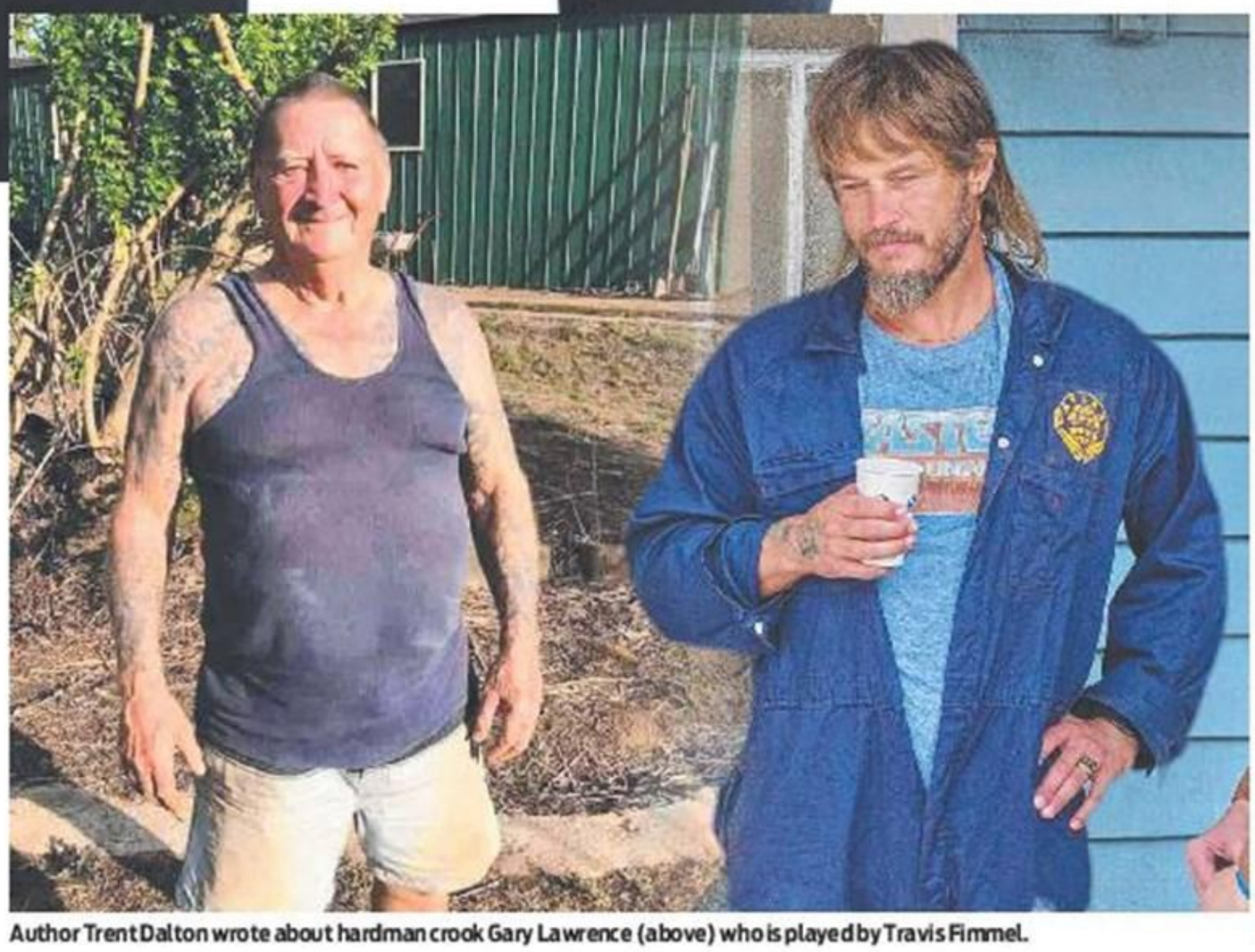
It reinforced how well Lawrence had steered Dalton's mother and her kids through the sinister scene swirling around them. Gary Lawrence's offhand decency was the most surprising thing about him. He had gangster attributes, too. Especially violence but towards other violent men, not women and children.

It was after Lawrence went back to jail that the Dalton kids' world turned dark: their mother succumbed to a heroin habit that Lawrence had helped keep at bay, and she fell in with parasites and predators. She ended in jail herself, which might have saved her life.

The most searing scene in the book is one straight from the memory of a terrified child: it is of a bad man dragging his mother by the hair and pushing her face into a dish of dog food. There are many flights of fancy in Boy Swallows Universe but that's not one of them. It's from the life that Dalton escaped but cannot forget.

Unsaid is that nothing like that would have happened if Gary Lawrence had still been around. His roughcast chivalry underpins the story. It explains why a robber with a head like a robber's dog (the real

Felix Cameron as Eli Bell, the fictional character based on author Trent Dalton. Pictures: Netflix



Author Trent Dalton wrote about hardman crook Gary Lawrence (above) who is played by Travis Fimmel.

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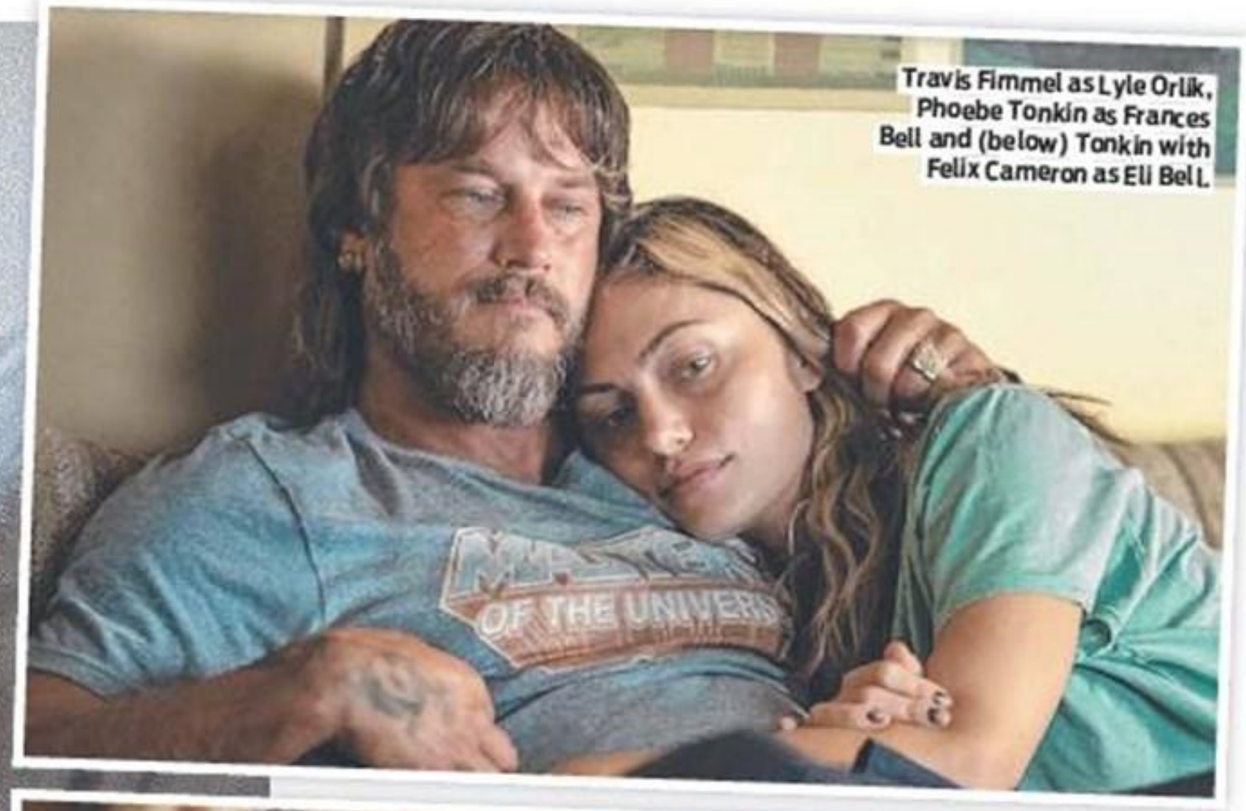
behind that universe



Travis Fimmel as Lyle Orlik, Phoebe Tonkin as Frances Bell and (below) Tonkin with Felix Cameron as Eli Bell.

Lawrence) gets to be played (as "Lyle Orlik") by Travis Fimmel, who was the world's most wanted male model before he took up acting, notably as the Viking chief Ragnar Lothbrok in the television series Vikings.

Lawrence, by contrast, was a twice-orphaned street kid, teenage wharf labourer, apprentice jockey and bloodhouse boxer who did his weight training in jail, not in fashionable gyms frequented by talent scouts. He never caught a break himself, but when he met Dalton's mother while visiting a friend in a women's refuge it was lucky for her.

Now, a lifetime later, a fictionalised and modified version of their love story hits the screen. It raises the question of who the real Gary Lawrence is – or was.

Track Lawrence to his retirement hideaway, a farm outside Gympie in Queensland, and he tells the story of a childhood of Dickensian deprivation as casually the average pensioner might talk about gardening. It goes roughly like this. Gary John Cook was born in 1943 in Brisbane Women's Hospital to a 21-year-old woman. He didn't know her full name for another 50 years. He never knew who his father was, only that his mother, too young and too poor to raise him, "gave me to the neighbour."

He thinks the neighbour who fostered him was Gladys Lawrence, youngest of a family who ran a picture theatre in the Brisbane seaside suburb of Brighton. He can't remember her because she died tragically early.

As far back as Gary remembers, he was cared for by "the old lady", Gladys's mother Fran Lawrence, a Salvation Army stalwart. She hid him in drawers and cupboards to stop the authorities taking him.

After their daughter's death, Granny Lawrence and her husband moved to Caboolture, where the old man was a "bottleo" collecting empty bottles until he was hit by a train at a level crossing.

The kid ran wild, dodging school and hiding in the bush when truant officers and police came for him. Granny Lawrence couldn't legally adopt him because she was too old. Faced with being sent to Tasmania to another member of the Lawrence family, Gary ran away to Brisbane. Which is how he came to be living on his wits, squatting in a condemned railway building, at the age of 10. He met another tough kid, Doug Meredith, who'd run away from a hated stepfather. It was the start of a lifelong friendship on the wrong side of the law. The boys watched each other's backs. Lawrence was short but unusually strong and willing to work. He passed himself off as 15 and toiled as a day labourer at the Hamilton Cold Store on the waterfront, loading ships. At 14, he started working around racing stables.

He rode a few winners on country tracks. He liked horses but also liked to punch trainers or other jockeys who crossed him.

Lawrence trained in the same gym as the legendary fighter Tony Mundine and was a sparring partner for Tony Ryder, later Australian professional flyweight champ. But he couldn't stay light enough to keep race riding after 1963, when he turned 20. When rising weight took him from the saddle, it was another crossroad taking him towards trouble.

"I was meeting the wrong kind of people," he says. He did his first jail in 1964 on a minor charge followed by a monster sentence, over a savage beating, that took out most of the 1970s. He spent more time inside prison than outside until 2001, when he was 58. In jail, he learned to read slowly, mumbling his way through pulp westerns, and to cook fast.

Between jail sentences, he often worked for roofing contractors who loved his work ethic. He also acted as a bodyguard for a bent Brisbane businessman, Malcolm McGregor-Lowndes. Apart from bird smuggling, McGregor-Lowndes was a race fixer caught up in the Fine Cotton ring-in scandal of 1984 along with fellow businessman Robert North.

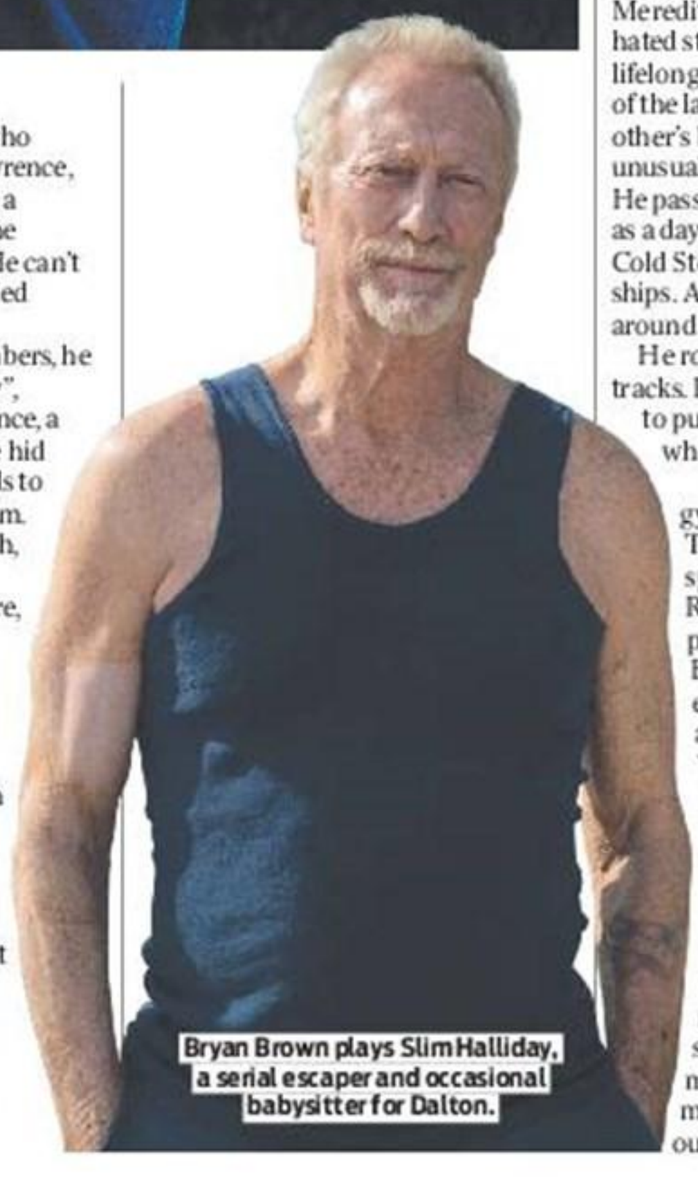
The affable North helped Lawrence get roofing work on the outside, and Lawrence returned the favour in prison by getting North a coveted kitchen job.

By the time Lawrence finished his third big "lagging" he was nearly 60 and knew it was the time to "get out of Dodge".

He'd been a human wrecking ball, all muscle and reflex. "Now I'm just an old fat (expletive)," he says contentedly.

He hasn't seen Trent in person for years but they talk on the phone a lot. He made a trip to Brisbane to see the stage production of Boy Swallows Universe and has been looking forward to the Netflix version.

His character Lyle Orlik "got his head cut off but that didn't happen to me," says the great survivor, laughing. He's not big on sentiment, but he's proud that the little boy who loved him and called him "Dad" is such a success.



Bryan Brown plays Slim Halliday, a serial escaper and occasional babysitter for Dalton.

STARS

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With Mercury (ideas) now moving through Capricorn, it's an opportunity to find solutions to recently identified problems. And in our media driven world, it's worth remembering that the best answers aren't always found by an online search. As the tech industry showcases its latest developments at the start of the CES trade show, expect to see innovative advances in the world of AI and automatons. But nothing beats human heart-to-heart communication. And that's what the cosmos encourages today.

ARIES MAR 21–APR 20
No matter which direction you turn, or how much you achieve, you're facing more and more demands on your time. It's hard to keep track of the promises and commitments you need to honour (let alone find the energy to invest in looking after your own life and relationships). How are you meant to know what to prioritise when you've got wrongs to right and people's needs to look after? Today brings a chance to simplify things. Something can be dropped from your to-do list.

LEO JUL 24–AUG 23
When we're caught up in a confusing situation it's hard to envisage the ideal way to resolve it. But are you so embroiled in a need to avoid a particular issue (or relationship) that you'll settle for anything that seems better than it is right now? Yes, there are times when we have to shrug our shoulders, and deal with whatever life brings our way. But the current cosmic climate is offering you options. Don't lose sight of your standards today. Despite the uncertainty you're experiencing, you're close to attaining a goal.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23–DEC 21
It doesn't matter how convincingly someone explains something, we only hear what we want to hear and believe what we want to believe. And even if something is staring us in the face, we only see what we want to see. And since we tend to be much better at talking than listening, it's no wonder there's so much misunderstanding and miscommunication. Which means we learn to expect disharmony, even when we share common ground. Don't distrust the opportunity coming your way.

TAURUS APR 21–MAY 21
Although a positive attitude can get you a long way, even the most optimistic person in the world is going to find some things impossible. With the best will in the world, in some situations, certain goals are simply unattainable. I'm not mentioning this to dishearten you. Quite the opposite. It's just that past disappointments might tempt you to underestimate the possibility now being presented to you. You really can be confident today.

VIRGO AUG 24–SEP 23
Everything about life seems circular. The Moon circles around our planet. Our planet circles around the Sun. And the Sun rotates around its axis. And our minds seem to follow this same pattern. The cogs keep turning, and activating more cogs, which keep spinning. Your mind has been in a whirl recently. With so much going on, it's no wonder you're feeling a bit dizzy. Today, with your ruler, Mercury, settling into Capricorn, something starts making sense. You'll find once that happens, you'll regain a sense of balance.

CAPRICORN DEC 22–JAN 20
If we scratch beneath any surface, we find something waiting to be uncovered. Even a simple, random remark can be hiding emotions. If you're going to make the decision you need to make right now, there are certain issues to be taken into consideration. Otherwise, you might let your expectations inform your judgement and jump to the wrong conclusion. With Mercury (intellect) in your sign, you can carefully weigh up all the factors and come to a decision that has a powerfully positive effect on your future.

GEMINI MAY 22–JUN 22
We're going to test your mindreading skills. If you take a moment to close your eyes and relax, can you tell what the rest of your prediction is going to say? Of course you can't! There's no way you can know unless you read it! In fact, your forecast is going to tell you that you need to open your eyes and take a good look at an issue you'd prefer to ignore. Your ruler, Mercury, in earthy Capricorn, brings the courage and the clarity to see the path you need to follow to bring success your way.

LIBRA SEP 24–OCT 23
Although you can see a logical way to get to where you want to go, it doesn't look very enticing. Either it's going to be more expensive than you can afford. Or it involves crossing a particularly challenging terrain. You're hesitating, in the hope of discovering an alternative route. Yet, in your heart of hearts, you know it's going to be impossible to find one. So, your best option is to seek assistance. There are people around who can help smooth the way ahead. Explaining your needs takes courage.

AQUARIUS JAN 21–FEB 19
Think back to when you were at school. Every new term brought harder lessons to learn. Even though those days might be long over, we're all still students at the school of life; and a new year brings a different set of challenges. It doesn't seem to get any easier. As soon as we've got to grips with something, something else pops up. And if we don't learn the lesson, it re-presents itself, in a different format, until we do. With Mercury in a new sector of the sky, you've got the ability to look at an old problem and deal with it.

CANCER JUN 23–JUL 23
I was recently watching a documentary about parrots. Their ability to imitate made me think about how humans share that skill. We copy words, people and ideas. Sometimes, when we try out different ways of being, or different viewpoints, we sound as if we don't know what's going on. Then, we learn from other folk's reactions, and adapt. Mimicry is part of our developmental process. Yet there are times when we appear to be communicating, but the words and actions are devoid of real meaning.

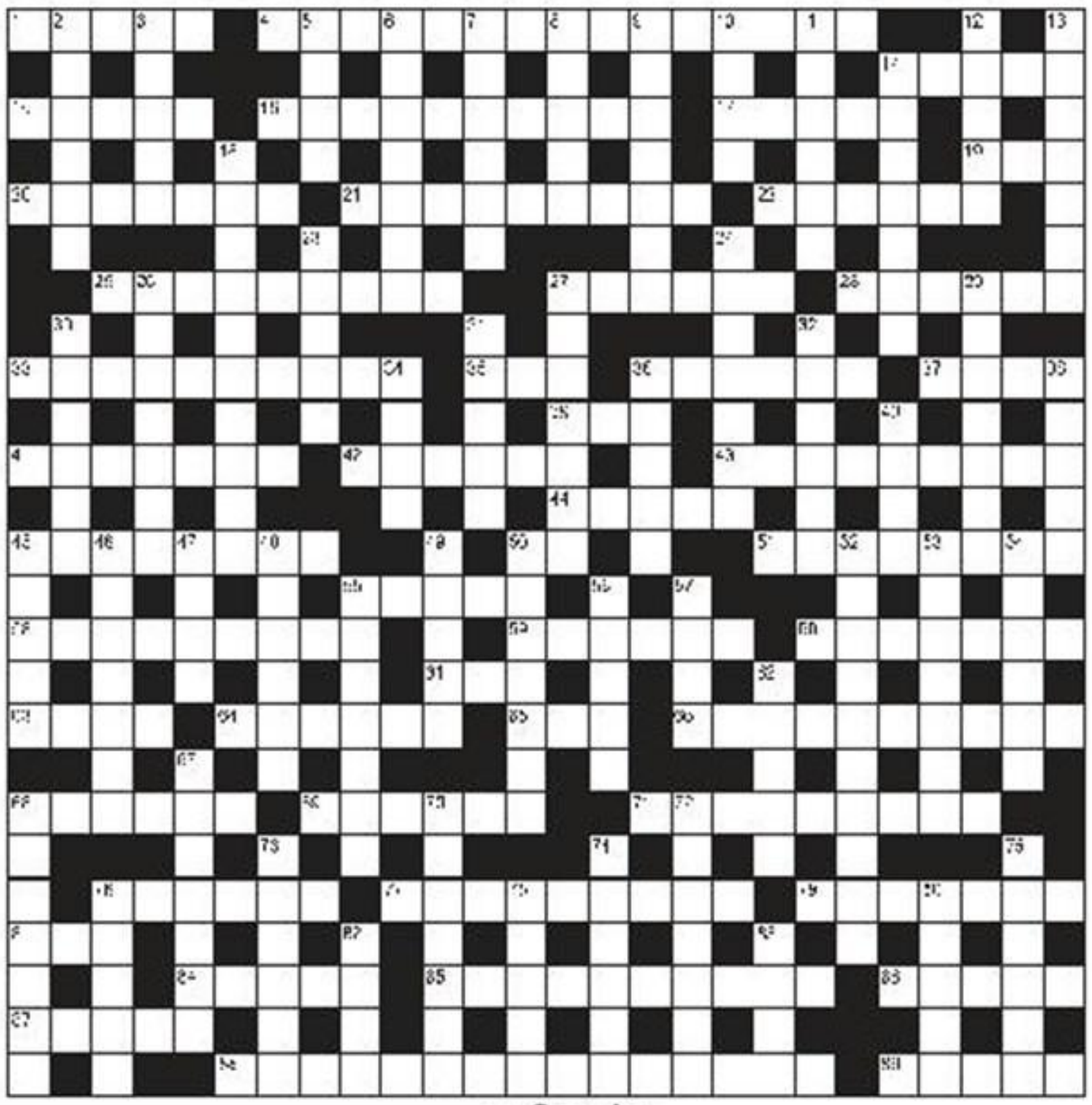
SCORPIO OCT 24–NOV 22
Imagine how you'd respond if everything started falling apart? Or how you'd manage if life only presented you with challenges, awkward people and impossible scenarios? If you want to picture a never-ending litany of worst-case scenarios, no-one's going to stop you. But I'm hoping you see how preposterous that notion is. Life on planet Earth might be crazy and unpredictable. But don't let your imagination take you down that unhelpful path. Instead, focus on how you can cope with an improvement.

PISCES FEB 20–MAR 20
As a chess-lover, I'm delighted by the resurgence in its popularity. With all the apps and online games, it's become accessible to anyone who likes pushing their strategic thinking to new levels. Yet satisfying though this kind of gameplay can be, it's only useful in certain scenarios. You're dealing with a situation that suits your emotional intelligence. And with Mercury (intellect) now in earthy Capricorn, your sensitivity, kindness and generosity are more effective than ever.

JUMBO CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Humid (5)
4 Scarce (4,2,3,6)
14 Bumpy (5)
15 Wish-granter (5)
16 Luminosity (10)
17 Become one (5)
19 Mongrel (3)
20 Protracted (7)
21 Nerve-racking (9)
22 Fireplace (6)
25 Offender (9)
27 Unvarying (6)
28 Supporting structure on rocket launch pad (6)
33 Lies (10)
35 Garden tool (3)
36 Lyrical (6)
37 Exude (4)
39 Automobile (3)
41 Enthusiasm-arousing address (3-4)
42 Acid neutraliser (6)
43 Road speed (anag) (9)
44 A region's plant life (5)
45 Cut (8)
50 Next to (2)
51 Shirt, tie (anag) (8)
55 Deep ravine (5)
58 Refuge (9)
59 Wits (6)
60 Plots (7)
61 Indicate assent (3)
63 Decisive defeat (4)
64 Wine serving bottle (6)
65 Public house (3)
66 Capital of Denmark (10)
68 Slows the progress of (6)
69 Dating regularly (6)
71 Irritable, hot-tempered (9)
76 Writer (6)
77 Predators (anag) (9)
79 Extremely old (7)
81 Rascal (3)
84 More pleasant (5)
85 Used to (10)
86 Thrill (5)
87 Mimicking (5)
88 Escape completely unpunished (3,4,4-4)
89 Actions (5)

DOWN
2 Patchy (6)
3 Exiting (5)
5 Toss (4)
6 Sleeping garment (7)
7 Spice (6)
8 Takes notice of (5)
9 Make hand signs (7)
10 Musical work (4)
11 Sounds (6)
12 Cluster (5)
13 Curative treatment (7)
14 Strategic withdrawal (7)
18 Rodent bred for fur (10)
23 Nincompoop (6)
24 Supplementary material at the end of a book (7)
26 Supporter's ribboned badge (7)
27 Define clearly (7)
29 Kettledrums (7)
30 Film holder (6)
31 Small medicine bottle (5)
32 Tawdry art (6)
34 Glossy fabric (4)
36 Evidence (5)
38 Utensils (5)
40 Prophet (4)
45 Intense beam generator (5)
46 Use up (7)
47 Assess (4)
48 Drink sachet (3,3)
49 Lying face downwards (5)
50 Sleeping material (7)
52 Firebomb (10)
53 Growth on foot (7)
54 Lace hole (6)
55 Went in a circle (7)
56 Signs up (5)
57 Heroic verse (4)
62 Sudden cramp (5)
67 Gliding on ice (7)
68 Sneering, derisive (7)
70 Art of Japanese flower arrangement (7)
72 Expression of criticism and censure (7)
73 Fencer's shout (6)
74 Painting done on wet plaster (6)
75 Aslant (6)
76 Month (5)
78 Sways (5)
80 Bisect (5)
82 Opera solo (4)
83 Festival (4)



WORDFILL

Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

3 LETTERS
ART
AVE
CUR
DEN
EGO
ERA
EVE
FOR
GEN
KEY
NOB
OAR
ODE
PAR
PEG
WAG
YAP
YES

4 LETTERS
ABET
ABUT
AVER
AWAY
BOSS
CARE
DATE
ELSE
FETE
FRET
FURY
GREY
ICED
IDEA
IDOL
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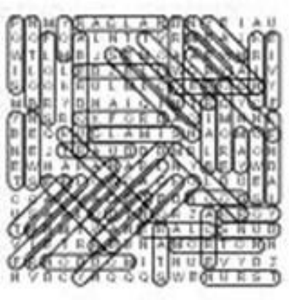
MONK
NUTS
OGLE
OKAY
ONLY
OWES
OWLS
PAPA
PERU
PURE
ROOF
STUD
TAPS
TSAR
UNDO
WEST

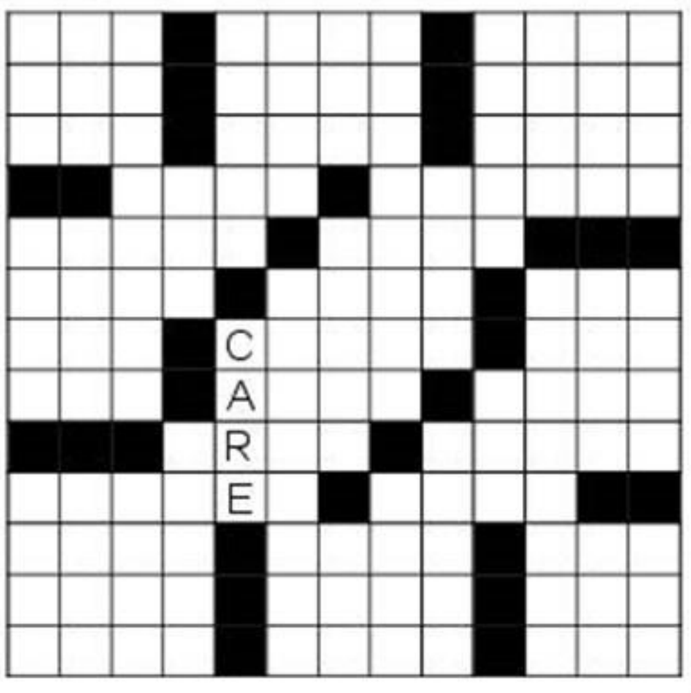
5 LETTERS
CANOE
FLAKE
POLAR
RULER
SALES
SUDSY
TAPIR
TENET

6 LETTERS
EDITED
MILLER

8 LETTERS
ASSESSOR
NEWLYWED
STROLLER
WAVERING



Saturday's WordFind

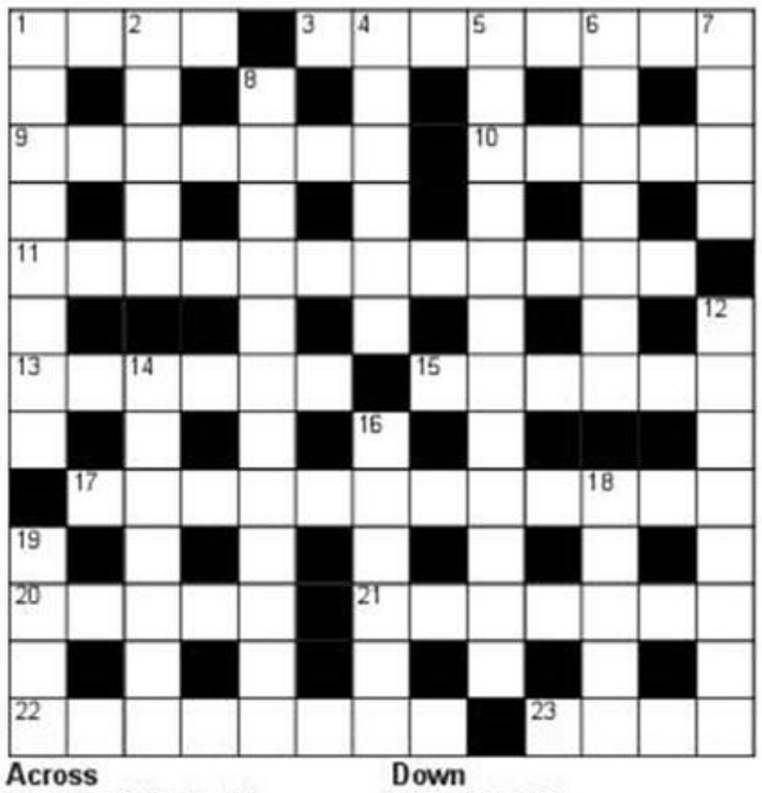


Saturday

ACROSS: 1. Indigo, 4. Residence, 9. Mass, 11. Pea, 12. Ago, 13. Past, 15. Brunt, 16. Sac, 17. Oath, 19. Pour, 21. Hard, 23. Vie, 24. Tariff, 26. Edge, 27. Hod, 28. Far, 30. Some, 31. Reign, 32. Vinyl, 34. Vying, 35. Shed, 36. Were, 38. Idle, 39. Undo, 40. Hassle, 44. Nun, 45. Keenly, 46. Lots, 48. Tote, 50. Sparse, 51. Mac, 53. Retort, 57. Gala, 58. Aura, 59. Fact, 61. Thru, 63. Carat, 65. Gooey, 67. Amble, 68. Epic, 69. For, 70. Axe, 71. Lour, 72. Bronco, 75. Rot, 76. Reel, 79. Iris, 81. Onyx, 82. Ova, 83. Muted, 84. Stab, 85. Its, 86. Lei, 87. Gift, 88. Swordplay, 89. Cheque.

DOWN: 1. Impoverish, 2. Into, 3. Opera, 4. Rabbi, 5. Squiffy, 6. Dither, 7. Nosegay, 8. Each, 9. Moor, 10. Schedule, 14. Specious, 18. Adhere, 20. Utensil, 22. Agog, 25. Rave, 29. Alien, 30. Snooker, 33. Idiot, 34. Vaunt, 36. Wrest, 37. Ruler, 41. Alpha, 42. Strut, 43. Elegiac, 47. Smart, 49. Orate, 52. Cargo, 54. Equator, 55. Outburst, 56. Times table, 59. For a song, 60. Cheery, 62. Hymn, 63. Cite, 64. Avocado, 66. Orbital, 69. Framed, 73. Oddly, 74. Civic, 77. Exit, 78. Loss, 80. Isle.

13x13 QUICK



Across
1. Type of window (4)
3. Tenses up (8)
9. Carry out (3,4)
10. Repeatedly (5)
11. Secret (12)
13. Unsophisticated (6)
15. Golf club (6)
17. Polite (4-8)
20. Dagger (5)
21. Relating to the heart (7)
22. Cancelling out (8)
23. Pleads (4)

Down
1. Grabbed (8)
2. Smooth, glossy fabric (5)
4. Cared for (6)
5. Leading contenders (5-7)
6. Pull out (7)
7. Founder (4)
8. Most lively (12)
12. Foretells (8)
14. Staggering (7)
16. Bird of prey (6)
18. Elevate (5)
19. Pelt, hide (4)

Saturday
Across: 1. Loquacious 7. Image 8. Collude 10. Sweating 11. Clad 13. Captor 15. Rely on 17. Able 18. Readable 21. Stature 22. Trite 23. Decelerate.
Down: 1. Leave 2. Question 3. Ascend 4. Idle 5. Usually 6. First-class 9. Endangered 12. Vendetta 14. Pulsate 16. Recede 19. Bribe 20. Nude.

5x5

	I		T	
U		L		T
	L		N	
T		P		E
	T		A	

Insert the missing letters to make five words reading across and five reading down.

Note: more than one solution may be possible

Saturday

P	A	S	T	E
A	L	P	H	A
R	O	L	E	S
C	H	I	M	E
H	A	T	E	S

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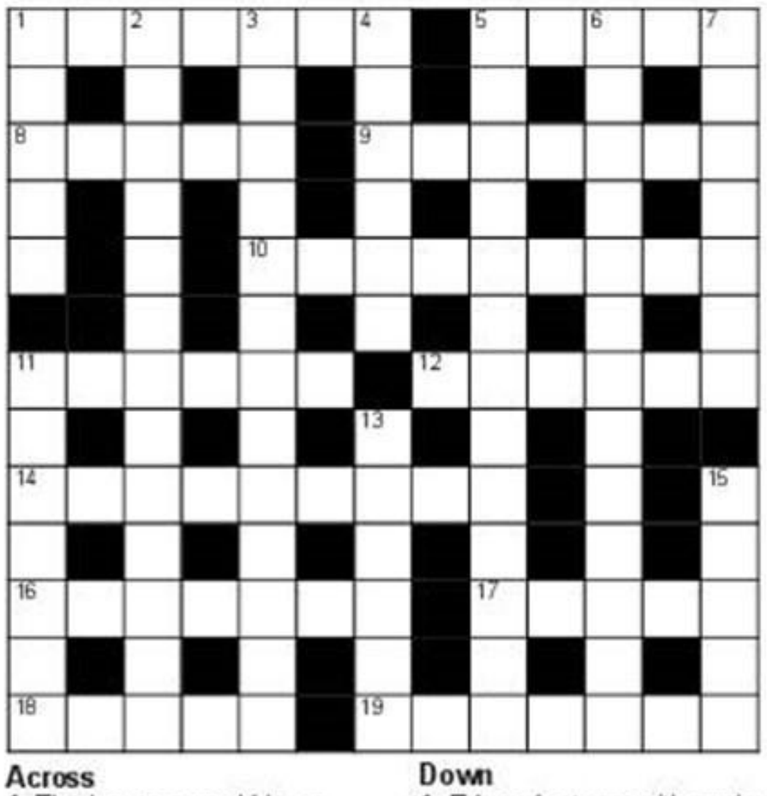

Across
1. The bouncer could be a donor, ma ... (7)
5. ... and an addict from Colorado, perhaps (5)
8. Chivalrous, Carlo departed the Hindu Festival (5)
9. Cleaned scorchingly quick? (7)
10. It is over the top when it comes to cricket and devastating (3,3,3)
11. A nagging way to mine for coal (4,2)
12. Returning with a cigarette iron, Bob made social blunders (6)
14. The printer ink replacer was a fly-by-nighter and party goer (3,6)
16. Sounds like the goats' coats were to be cut down (7)
17. The weird serve curves away (5)
18. Be nonchalant about a quiet time on the mat (5)
19. Ah, kilts, perhaps and something to top it off (4,3)

Down
1. Edward returns with sunburn culprit in spite of having cover (5)
2. Corey chatters about some bird (13)
3. Hot water in mug could be delicious (13)
4. Delicacy of character needed for pleasant town, we hear (6)
5. Got there but was late (4,2,7)
6. Could be several pages or just bits of the sentence (5,2,6)
7. Dancer gets 10 from France from two quarters which are base numbers (7)
11. Something to wear on retirement (7)
13. At a standstill, but you can remain little sibling so to speak (6)
15. Doesn't own pheasants without apes (5)

Saturday
Across: 2. Illustrator, 7. Water pistol, 9. Servile, 10. Repot, 11. George, 12. Ashore, 15. Diary, 17. Refresh, 19. In cold blood, 20. Fundamental.
Down: 1. Kiwis, 2. Interrogation, 3. Lurking, 4. Shires, 5. Rater, 6. Telephone poll, 8. Titre, 11. Giddy, 13. Safe bet, 14. Grille, 16. Yucca, 18. Hides.

CLUELESS CROSSWORD

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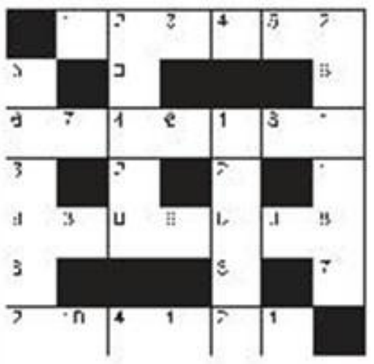


Numbers have been substituted for letters. Use the letter(s) given to work out the rest of the puzzle.

2 = T

Saturday

WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to make an eight-letter word reading either clockwise or anticlockwise.

Saturday: TOMAHAWK

Vocabularian

Choose the correct definition

Berison
a) Blessing
b) Shared thoughts
c) Monks' prayer service

Cateran
a) Mountain stream
b) Steamship engineer
c) Brigand

Saturday
Coif: head covering
Amplitude: vastness

TARGET

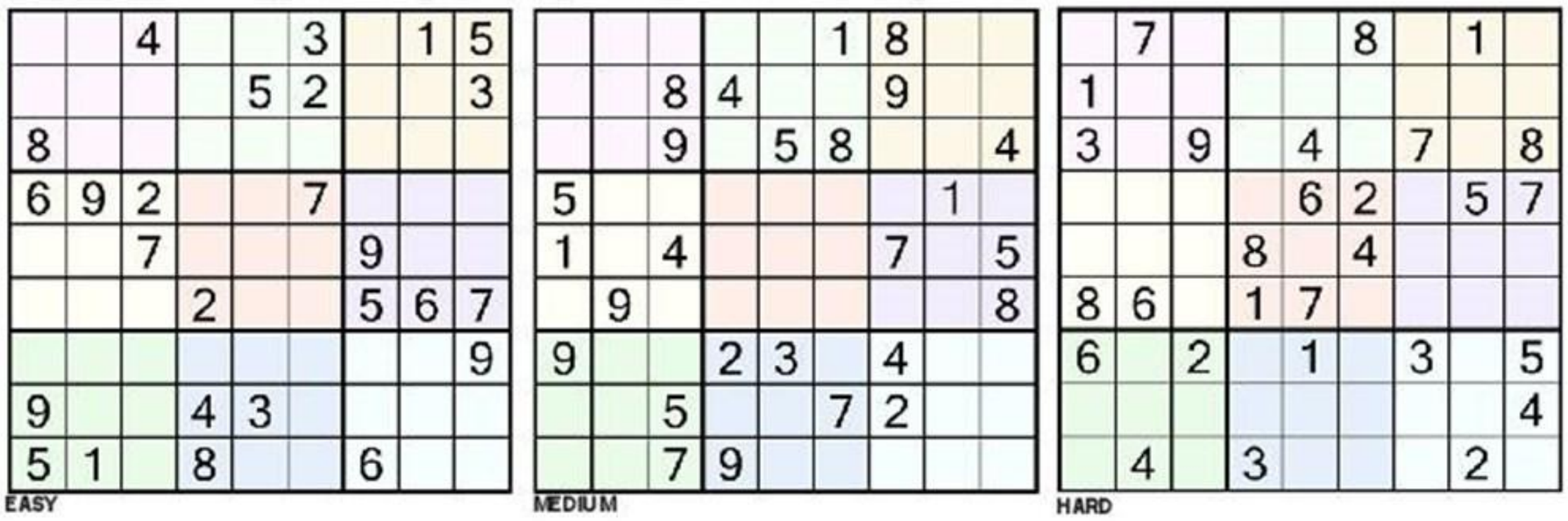
H	E	R
I	K	A
G	N	N

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter must be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. There is at least one nine-letter word.
No words starting with a capital are allowed, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb, e.g. he burns with anger.
Good 10 Very Good 16 Excellent 24+

Saturday: adust anus aunt daunt daunts duet dune duns dust endue endues ensue ensued nausea nauseate NAUSEATED nude sauna saute sauteed stud stun sued suede suet sundae tuna tune tuned tunes unease unsated unseat unseated unset used

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and each 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.



EASY

MEDIUM

HARD

Saturday's sudoku solutions

9	6	7	4	3	5	8	1	2
3	5	2	6	8	1	4	9	7
1	4	8	7	9	2	6	5	3
8	9	5	3	6	4	2	7	1
6	7	3	2	1	9	5	4	8
2	1	4	8	5	7	3	6	9
7	2	9	5	4	8	1	3	6
5	8	6	1	7	3	9	2	4
4	3	1	9	2	6	7	8	5

EASY

9	1	4	6	2	5	3	8	7
3	6	2	7	8	9	5	1	4
8	5	7	4	1	3	9	2	6
1	4	5	8	9	6	2	7	3
2	9	6	3	4	7	1	5	8
7	3	8	1	5	2	6	4	9
6	8	3	2	7	1	4	9	5
5	7	1	9	6	4	8	3	2
4	2	9	5	3	8	7	6	1

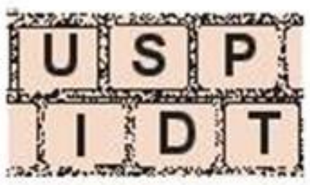
MEDIUM

6	3	4	8	5	7	1	9	2
9	5	8	2	6	1	4	7	3
2	1	7	9	4	3	5	8	6
4	9	3	6	7	5	8	2	1
8	6	5	3	1	2	9	4	7
7	2	1	4	9	8	3	6	5
5	4	2	7	3	9	6	1	8
1	8	6	5	2	4	7	3	9
3	7	9	1	8	6	2	5	4

HARD

Saturday's WordBuilder solution
Fir, fit, fop, for, fort, frit, fro, oft, opt, pit, poi, port, pot, pro, prof, PROFIT, rift, riot, rip, rot, tip, tiro, top, topi, tor, tori, trio, trip.

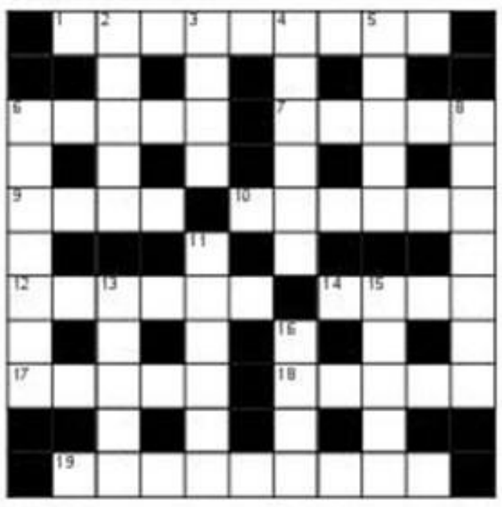
WORDBUILDER



How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the six letters, using each only once?
No words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one six-letter word.
Good 15 Very Good 19 Excellent 23

Saturday's 11x11 quick
Across: 1. Fool's errand, 7. Chink, 8. Scrub, 9. Seep, 11. Bereft, 14. Master, 16. Bars, 20. Nerve, 21. Aroma, 22. Contentment.
Down: 1. Focus, 2. Olive, 3. Sake, 4. Russet, 5. Agree, 6. Debut, 10. Era, 12. Far, 13. Secede, 14. Manic, 15. Siren, 17. Alone, 18. Start, 19. Fact.

11x11 QUICK



Across
1. Abundant wealth (9)
6. Holding device (5)
7. Toss (5)
9. Overdue (4)
10. A litre (anag) (6)
12. Antiseptic tincture (6)
14. Throbbing pain (4)
17. African country (5)
18. Agent, representative (5)
19. Dry out (9)

Down
2. Banquet (5)
3. Track circuits (4)
4. Paris tower (6)
5. Porcelain (5)
6. Telephoning (7)
8. Golf tournament spectators (7)
11. Anxious (6)
13. Male duck (5)
15. Flat-headed nail (5)
16. Nautical pole (4)

FORECAST

Statewide today

Scattered to widespread showers, isolated storms, and periods of rain in the far north, northwest, and about the coast north of Ayr. Possible severe storms with heavy rainfall in the far north, northwest, and in the far southwest. Possible heavy rainfall between Tully and Ayr. Isolated to scattered showers and storms elsewhere. Light to moderate northeast to southeasterly winds, fresh at times about the east coast. Winds turning northwest to northeasterly over northern Cape York Peninsula. Maximum temperatures below average north of Richmond, near average elsewhere. Fire danger: high fire danger ratings in the North West, Central West, and Northern Goldfields and Upper Flinders Districts.

31 / 25

TOWNSVILLE
Partly cloudy. Very high chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm, possibly severe. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 20 km/h in the middle of the day then becoming light in the evening.

31 / 24

AYR
Shower or two.

29 / 24

INGHAM
Showers.

33 / 25

BOWEN
Possible shower.

35 / 24

CHARTERS TOWERS
Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower from the late morning. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 20 km/h in the early afternoon then becoming light in the evening.

28 / 24

CARDWELL
Showers.

Townsville Outlook:

Tuesday.	Showers. 25 / 32
Wednesday.	Shower. Storm. 25 / 32
Thursday.	Showers. Storm. 25 / 32
Friday.	Showers. Possible storm. 25 / 32
Saturday.	Showers. 27 / 32
Sunday.	Shower or two. 27 / 33

Statewide tomorrow
Scattered to widespread showers, isolated storms, and periods of rain in the far north and northwest. Possible severe storms with heavy rainfall in the far north and northwest. Isolated to scattered showers and storms elsewhere. Maximum temperatures below average north of Richmond and in the southeast, near average elsewhere.

Wednesday
Scattered to widespread showers, isolated storms, and periods of rain in the far north and northwest. Possible severe storms with heavy rainfall and damaging wind gusts in the far north, northwest, and southern interior. Isolated to scattered showers and storms elsewhere. Maximum temperatures below average in the northwest, above average in the southern interior, and near average elsewhere.

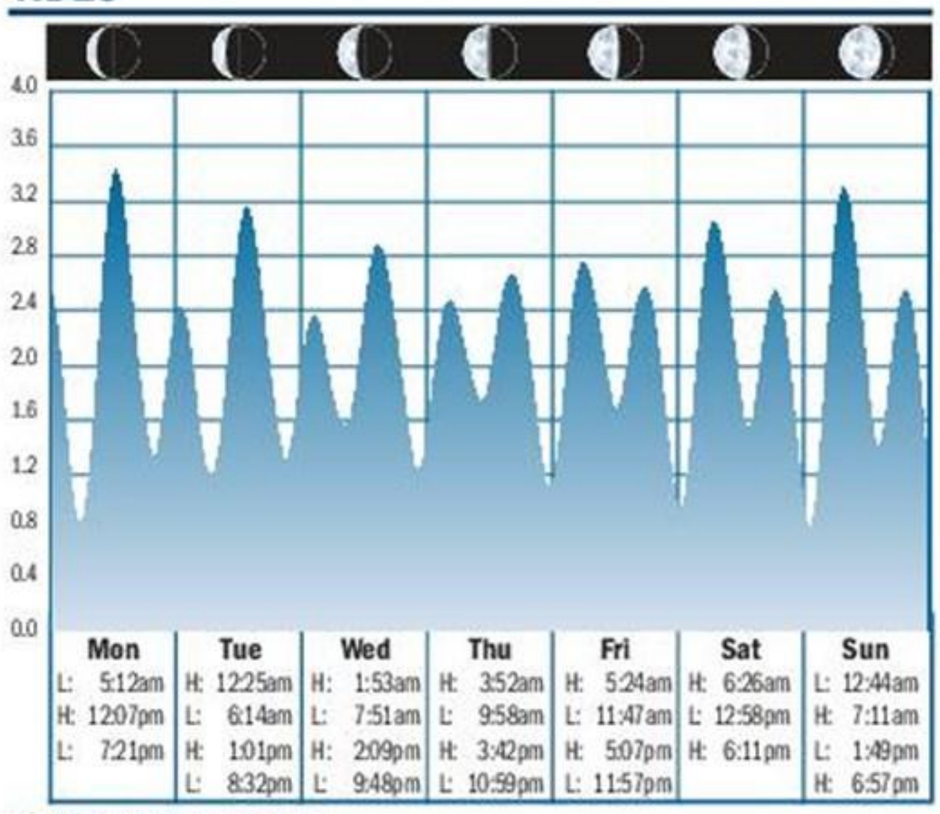
Today's forecast

January 15, 2024

MAP ICONS

sunny, mostly sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, chance shower, showers, light rain, rain, storms, windy, fog, snow

TIDES



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H: 12:07pm	L: 6:14am	L: 7:51am	L: 9:58am	L: 11:47am	L: 12:58pm	H: 7:11am
L: 7:21pm	H: 1:01pm	H: 2:09pm	H: 3:42pm	H: 5:07pm	H: 6:11pm	L: 1:49pm
	L: 8:32pm	L: 9:48pm	L: 10:59pm	L: 11:57pm		H: 6:57pm

SUN AND MOON

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 18	Jan 26	Feb 3	Feb 10

Today: **Sunrise** 5:47 am **Sunset** 6:57 pm **Moonrise** 9:23 am **Moonset** 10:10 pm

Warnings:
Warnings were current at 5pm yesterday.
Latest info at **www.bom.gov.au/qld/warnings**
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COASTAL WATERS

Cardwell to Bowen
Winds: Easterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m. Swell: Easterly below 1 m. Weather: Partly cloudy. 90% chance of showers. The chance of a storm north of Cape Bowling Green.
Tuesday. Winds: East to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m. Swell: Easterly below 1 m. Weather: Cloudy. 90% chance of showers.
Wednesday. Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m. Swell: Easterly around 1 m outside the reef. Weather: Partly cloudy. 80% chance of showers. The chance of a storm.
Cape Tribulation to Cardwell
Winds: East to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots tending southeast to southwesterly in the late afternoon. Seas: Below 1 m. Swell: Southeasterly below 1 m. Weather: Cloudy. Near 100% chance of showers. The chance of a storm.
Tuesday. Winds: Southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m. Swell: Southeasterly around 1 m outside the reef. Weather: Cloudy. 90% chance of showers. The chance of a storm north of Cairns.
Bowen to St Lawrence
Winds: East to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m, increasing to 1 to 1.5 m offshore between Hamilton Island and Mackay during the afternoon. Swell: Easterly below 1 m. Weather: Partly cloudy. 70% chance of showers. The chance of a storm inshore.
Tuesday. Winds: East to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m, increasing to 1 to 1.5 m offshore between Hamilton Island and Mackay. Swell: Easterly below 1 m. Weather: Partly cloudy. 80% chance of showers.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

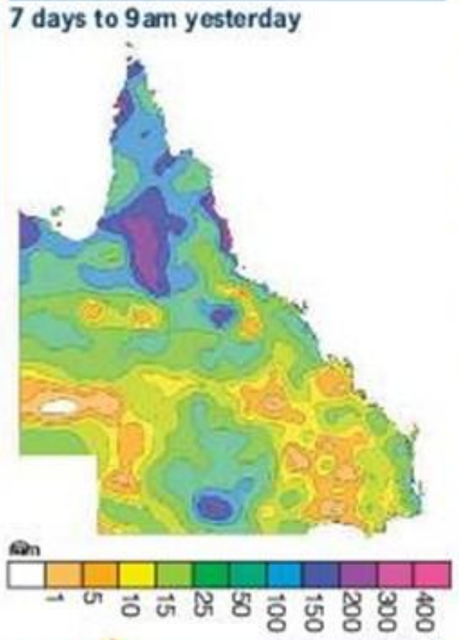
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	33	Gold Coast	Showers increasing.	29
Albury	Shower or two.	29	Hobart	Cloud clearing.	23
Alice Springs	Mostly sunny.	40	Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	28
Bourke	Shower, storm.	36	Mildura	Shower or two, storm.	35
Brisbane	Showers.	30	Mt. Gambier	Sunny.	32
Broome	Partly cloudy.	34	Perth	Sunny.	37
Cairns	Showers.	31	Sunshine Coast	Showers.	28
Canberra	Showers.	20	Sydney	Showers.	24
Darwin	Rain, storm, falls.	29	Toowoomba	Shower developing.	28

WORLD CENTRES

Auckland	20	26	showers	London	-1	2	sunny
Bangkok	25	36	fine	Los Angeles	9	18	sunny
Beijing	-9	4	fine	New Delhi	4	19	cold
Cape Town	17	26	fine	New York	-5	1	sunny
Christchurch	12	17	showers	Paris	1	3	sunny
Dubai	16	27	fine	Rome	7	15	mist
Hong Kong	18	24	sunny	Singapore	24	32	storms
Honolulu	19	27	sunny	Suva	25	29	storms
Jakarta	26	29	rain	Tokyo	3	11	fine

Rainfall

7 days to 9am yesterday

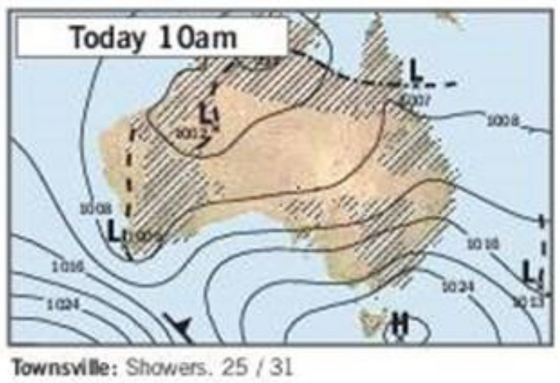


SunSmart
Townsville
Sun protection recommended between
8:10am to 4:30pm

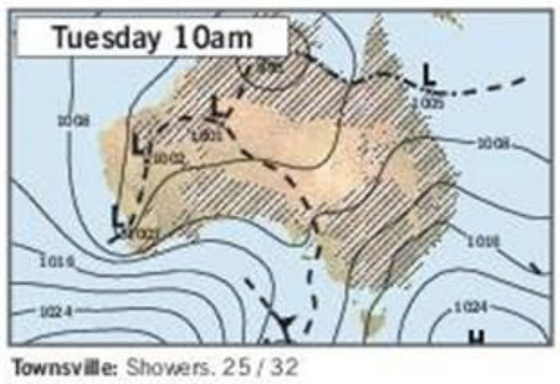
Queensland Yesterday

	Rain	Min	Max
Alva Beach	0	27	30
Ayr	0.4	24	31
Bowen	0	24	29
Brisbane	0.2	21	33
Bundaberg	1	23	31
Cairns	86	24	31
Charleville	0	24	34
Cooktown	36	24	32
Emerald	0	22	36
Georgetown	22	23	31
Hughenden	0	23	35
Mackay	3	24	31
Mareeba	25	22	30
Moranbah	0	21	33
Mount Isa	0	26	37
Normanton	76	24	29
Palmerville	21	24	32
Proserpine	0	23	32
Richmond	0	23	38
Rockhampton	0	24	33
St Lawrence	1	24	32
Townsville	13	25	30
Weipa	55	25	30
Woolshed	0	22	26

CHART KEY Isobars — 1016 (hectopascals) — Cold Front ▲▲ Warm Front ◗◗ Trough - - - - Rain - 24 hrs to 10am



Townsville: Showers. 25 / 31
Ayr: Shower or two. 24 / 31
Ingham: Showers. 24 / 29
Bowen: Possible shower. 25 / 33
Charters Towers: Partly cloudy. 24 / 35
Cardwell: Showers. 24 / 28



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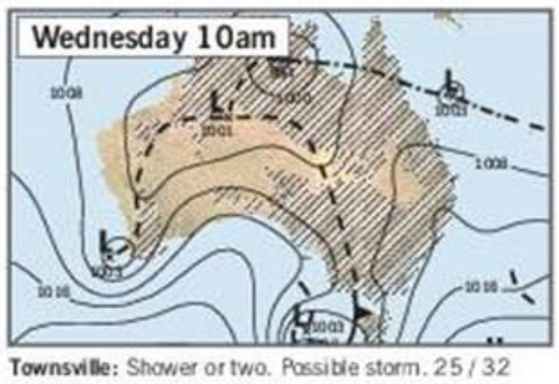

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Cardwell: Showers. Possible storm. 24 / 31

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Movin' To The Country. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Vera. (M, R)
2.30 Back Roads. (R)
3.00 The Cook And The Chef. (R)
3.25 Tenable. (R)
4.15 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.15 Love Your Garden.
6.00 Back Roads: Lightning Ridge, NSW. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer. (M)
9.00 You Can't Ask That: Former Cult Members. (M, R)
9.35 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids. (M, R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 War On Waste. (PG, R)
11.55 Changing Ends. (PG, R)
12.15 Love Your Garden. (R)
1.05 Tenable. (R)
1.50 Rage. (MA15+)
4.40 The Durrells. (PG, R)
5.30 7.30. (R)

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG)
11.30 Seven Morning News.
12.00 Home And Away. (PG, R)
2.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R)
2.30 Surf Patrol. (R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.
6.00 Seven Local News.
6.30 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. Tane misreads Harper's friendship. (PG)
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes.
10.00 Motorway Patrol. A motorist is running out of petrol. (PG)
10.30 Highway Cops. (M)
11.00 Autopsy USA: Jeffrey Epstein. (MA15+, R)
12.00 Bates Motel. (M, R)
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (8)

6.00 Today.
9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show.
10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2.
3.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2.
6.00 9News.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 New Amsterdam. (M, R)
12.00 Family Law. Abby and Daniel represent a trans teen. (M, R)
1.00 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: April Millsap. (M, R)
2.00 Destination Australia: Rottnest Island. (R)
2.30 Global Shop. (R)
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PG)
4.30 Explore TV: Norfolk Island. (R)
5.00 9News Early.
5.30 Today.

TEN (5)

6.00 The Talk. Series Return. (PG)
7.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R)
8.30 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (PG, R)
12.00 10 News First: Midday.
1.00 Dr Phil. (PG, R)
2.00 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R)
3.00 Entertainment Tonight.
3.30 Farm To Fork.
4.00 Neighbours. (PG)
4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG)
5.00 10 News First.
6.30 The Project.
7.30 Gladiators. New Series. (PG)
8.55 FBI: Most Wanted. (M, R)
10.50 The Project. (R)
12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

SBS (3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.10** Cook Up Bitesize. (R) **9.15** World's Most Secret Homes. (PG, R) **10.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **11.00** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PG, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **1.00** PBS News Weekend. **1.30** Al Jazeera News Second Edition. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.05** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (M, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** The Supervet. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. (R) **6.30** SBS World News.
7.30 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends: Wales. (PG)
8.25 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South.
9.20 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses: Muckle Flugga. (PG, R)
10.15 SBS World News Late.
10.45 Blanca. (MA15+) **11.45** Reyka. (MA15+, R) **3.40** Going Places. (R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

Classifications: (P) Preschoolers **(C)** Children **(G)** General **(PG)** Parental Guidance **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(AV15+)** Extreme Adult Violence **(R)** Repeat. TWNS | Monday 1501
Consumer Advice: (a) Adult themes **(d)** Drug references **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence. **Please note:** Listings are correct at the time of print and are subject to change by networks.

ABC TV PLUS (22)

6.00 Children's Programs. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** MythBusters. **9.20** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **10.55** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. Final. **11.55** Would I Lie To You? **12.30** QI. **1.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **1.45** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. Final. **2.30** The Story Of Film: A New Generation. **3.50** ABC News Update. **3.55** Close. **5.00** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **12.00** Better Homes. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Last Chance Learners. **4.00** Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Endeavour. **10.30** Fortitude. **11.30** Doc Martin. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (81)

6.00 Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** Skippy. **8.00** TV Shop. **9.00** Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. **10.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. **5.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2.
10.00 Death In Paradise.
11.00 Madam Secretary.
12.00 Manifest. **1.00** Edgar Wallace Mysteries. **2.20** Explore. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH (52)

6.00 Big Bang. **10.30** Friends. **1.00** Two And A Half Men. **1.30** Ghosts. **3.30** King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory.
8.30 Two And A Half Men. Charlie worries about commitment.
10.00 Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** Bold. **4.30** Shopping.

ABC ME (23)

6.00 Children's Programs. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.10** Rage. **11.15** Close.

7MATE (74)

6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** NFL. NFL Playoffs. Wild Card Round. Detroit Lions v Los Angeles Rams. **2.30** Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. **3.30** Storage Wars: New York. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Pickers. **6.00** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. **7.35** Outback Opal Hunters. **8.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Ax Men. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (82)

6.00 Children's Programs. **12.45** Children's Programs. **1.00** Rich House, Poor House. **2.00** Bewitched. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Kenan. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** News. **6.00** Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** Movie: Assault On Precinct 13. (2005) **10.35** Seinfeld. **11.35** The Emily Atack Show. **12.15** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (53)

6.00 Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** All 4 Adventure. **9.30** Reel Action. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** ST: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG.
7.30 Bull.
8.30 NCIS. A marine is murdered on a cruise.
10.20 NCIS: Los Angeles.
12.15 Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

ABC NEWS (24)

6.00 News. **8.00** News. **11.00** News. **1.00** ABC News Day. **2.00** News. **4.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** National News. **6.30** Evening News. **7.00** News Tonight. **7.30** Aust Story. **8.00** Nightly News. **8.25** Foreign Correspondent. **9.00** The World. **9.30** 7.30. **10.00** News. **10.30** The Business. **11.00** News. **11.30** Aust Story. **12.00** News. **12.15** 7.30. **12.45** Camel Capers. **1.00** DW News. **1.15** Late Programs.

7BRAVO (75)

6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** Million Dollar Listing NY. **12.00** Judge Jerry. **1.00** Escape To The Chateau: DIY. **2.00** Shark Tank. **3.00** Judge Jerry. **3.30** Jimmy Fallon. **4.30** Dinner Date. **5.30** Million Dollar Listing NY. **6.30** Shark Tank. **7.30** Botched By Nature. **8.30** Buried In The Backyard. **9.30** Accident, Suicide Or Murder. **10.30** Killer Couples. **11.30** Housewives Of Beverly Hills. **12.30** Late Programs.

9LIFE (83)

6.00 Morning Programs. **11.30** Getaway. **12.00** Flipping Down South. **1.00** Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa. **2.00** Zombie House Flipping. **3.00** The Block. **4.00** The Jennie Garth Project. **4.30** Martha Knows Best. **5.00** Build It Forward. **6.00** House Hunters Int. **7.00** House Hunters. **8.30** Christina On The Coast. **9.30** Flip Or Flop. **10.30** Mexico Life. **11.30** House Hunters. **12.00** Late Programs.

7FLIX (76)

6.00 It's Academic. **7.00** ZooMoo. **8.00** News Of The Wild. **9.00** Shopping. **10.30** My Asian Banquet. **11.30** My France With Manu. **1.30** The Food Dude. **1.55** Intolerant Cooks. **2.20** A Moveable Feast. **2.45** My Kitchen Rules. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** Law & Order: LA. **12.30** The Blacklist. **1.30** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **12.05** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.15** Planet A. **3.05** Most Expensivest. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.45** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** News. **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.25** Two Weeks To Live. **10.25** Scrubs. **11.25** Hoarders. **1.05** Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32)

6.00 Steel Magnolias. (1989) **8.10** The 400 Blows. (1959, French) **10.00** Motherhood. (2018) **11.35** Operation Mincemeat. (2021) **2.00** Mr. Holmes. (2015) **3.55** Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods. (2014, French) **5.30** Sunflower. (1970, Italian) **7.30** Those Happy Years. (2013) **9.30** Gotti. (2018) **11.35** The Best Offer. (2013) **2.00** In The Line Of Fire. (1993) **4.25** Motherhood. (2018)

SBS FOOD (33)

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.30** Flour Power. **2.00** My Greek Table. **2.30** United Plates Of America. **3.30** Top Chef. **4.30** My Market Kitchen. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Rick Stein's Cornwall. **6.00** Food Safari Earth. **6.30** Lidia's Kitchen. **7.00** The Cook Up. **7.30** Shane Delia's Spice Journey. **8.00** Luke Nguyen's India. **8.30** Eva Longoria: Searching For Mexico. **9.30** Dine With Me UK. **10.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.35** Bamay. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black. **9.00** Movie: Backroads. (1977) **10.00** Movie: Jason's Lyric. (1994) **12.10** Power To The People. **1.00** NITV On The Road: Barunga Festival. **4.00** On The Road. **5.00** Bamay. **5.30** Late Programs.

PREMIERE (CH 401)

6.00 Tár. (2022) (M) **7.35** What's Love Got To Do With It? (2022) (M) **9.30** The Machine. (2023) (MA15+) **11.25** Fast X. (2023) (M) **1.55** Pearl. (2022) (MA15+) **3.48** Assassin Club. (2023) (MA15+) **5.45** Evil Dead Rise. (2023) (MA15+) **7.30** Children Of The Corn. (2020) (MA15+) **9.10** Three Thousand Years Of Longing. (2022) (M) **11.02** All My Friends Hate Me. (2021) (MA15+) **12.40** Late Programs. **5.55** Jane. (2022) (M)

GREATS (CH 410)

6.00 Stand By Me. (1986) **6.10** The Goonies. (1985) **8.10** Gremlins. (1984) **10.00** A League Of Their Own. (1992) **12.10** Major League. (1989) **2.00** Boiling Point. (1993) **3.40** The Big Lebowski. (1998) **5.40** Heart And Souls. (1993) Robert Downey Jr.
7.30 The Notebook. (2004)
9.40 Cast A Deadly Spell. (1991) Fred Ward.
11.20 Saturday Night Fever. (1977) John Travolta, Karen Lynne Gorney, Barry Miller.
1.15 Schindler's List. (1993) Liam Neeson.
4.25 Blade Runner. (1982) Harrison Ford.

UKTV (CH 105)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.40** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **11.50** Midsomer Murders. (PG) **1.55** New Tricks. (M) **3.00** Father Brown. (M) **4.00** QI. (PG) **5.10** Richard Osman's House Of Games Night. (PG) **5.45** Emmerdale. (PG) **6.15** Coronation Street. (PG) **6.50** EastEnders. (PG) **7.30** DCI Banks. (MA15+) **8.30** New Tricks. (M) **9.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (M) **11.25** Father Brown. (M) **12.15** Late Programs.

SHOWCASE (CH 112)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** Movie: Oslo. (2021) (M) **12.00** The Wire. (MA15+) **1.00** Big Little Lies. (M) **2.00** Downton Abbey. (M) **3.00** To Be Advised. **4.00** Entitled. (M) **5.00** The End. (MA15+) **5.30** Downton Abbey. (M) **7.30** True Detective: Night Country. New Series. **8.30** Bookie. (MA15+) **9.30** The Wire. (MA15+) **10.30** True Detective: Night Country. **11.30** Downton Abbey. (M) **12.30** Late Programs.

DISCOVERY (CH 133)

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.55** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **1.50** End Of The Rope. (PG) **2.45** Deadliest Catch. (M) **3.40** Dirty Jobs. (PG) **4.35** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **5.35** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail. (M) **6.30** Airplane Repo. (M) **7.30** Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) **8.30** Demolition Down Under. (PG) **9.25** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **10.20** Naked And Afraid. (M) **11.15** Homestead Rescue. (M) **12.00** Late Programs.

FAMILY (CH 403)

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.10** Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2. (2013) **9.50** The Smurfs. (2011) **11.35** The Smurfs 2. (2013) **1.25** Smurfs: The Lost Village. (2017) **3.00** Flipper. (1996) (PG) **4.40** Puss In Boots: The Last Wish. (2022) (PG) **6.30** Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. (2022) **8.25** Paddington 2. (2017) **10.10** Pompo: The Cinéphile. (2021) (PG) **11.45** Paddington 2. (2017) **1.25** Late Programs.

ACTION (CH 405)

6.00 Mission: Impossible. (1996) (M) **6.55** Unleashed. (2005) (MA15+) **8.40** The Dark Tower. (2017) (M) **10.20** Godzilla. (1998) (PG) **12.40** Wonder Woman. (2017) (M) **3.05** Wonder Woman 1984. (2020) (M) **5.40** 2 Fast 2 Furious. (2003) (M) **7.30** Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines. (2003) (M) **9.25** Death Race. (2008) (MA15+) **11.10** S.W.A.T. (2003) (M) **1.05** Late Programs.

FOX8 (CH 108)

6.00 Morning Programs. **3.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **4.00** Entourage. (MA15+) **4.30** Taskmaster. (M) **5.30** Taskmaster. (M) **6.30** Taskmaster Champion Of Champions 3. New Series. **8.00** Krapopolis. (M) **9.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **9.30** Two And A Half Men. (M) **10.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **10.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **11.00** Entourage. (MA15+) **11.25** Krapopolis. (M) **12.15** Late Programs.

BBC FIRST (CH 119)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.00** Call The Midwife. (PG) **10.05** Chivalry. (MA15+) **10.30** Nolly. (M) **1.10** Marie Antoinette. (M) **2.15** Silent Witness. (M) **3.25** Death In Paradise. (M) **4.30** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **5.30** Call The Midwife. (PG) **7.40** Happy Valley. (MA15+) **8.45** The Catch. (M) **9.40** Marie Antoinette. (MA15+) **10.40** Death In Paradise. (M) **11.35** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **12.25** Late Programs.

LIFESTYLE (CH 106)

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.15** Escape To The Country. **1.10** Antiques Roadshow. **2.20** Bargain Hunt. **3.15** Better Homes. **4.30** Chateau DIY. **5.30** 999: On The Front Line. (M) **6.30** Selling Houses Aust. (PG) **7.30** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG) **8.30** Sort Your Life Out. (PG) **9.40** Escape To The Country. **10.35** 24 Hours In Emergency. (PG) **11.35** Gogglebox Australia. (M) **12.25** Late Programs.

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All Relatives and Friends of **CORAL** are respectfully invited to attend her **FUNERAL SERVICE** which will commence at **11:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2024** at the Woongarra Crematorium Chapel, Bruce Highway, Toowoomba.

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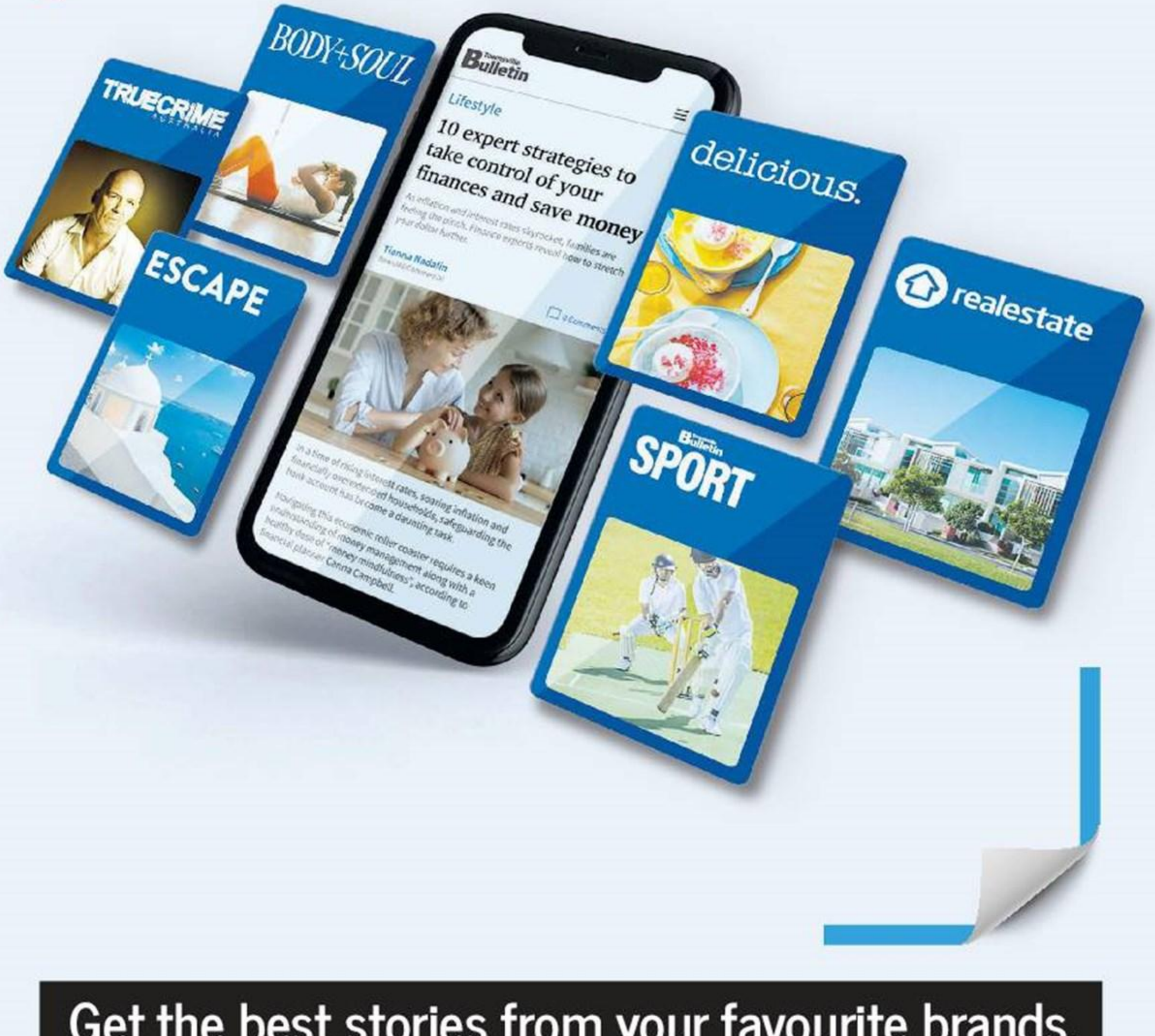

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TAB WARWICK RACES

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DAILY DOUBLE 6 & 8
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

1 12.58 STITCH N WEAR EMBROIDERY PLATE EQ1

1350m. $22,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	66674	DUSTYIAM (4) (h)	Ms M Savva	58.5	83	26.00
2	76942	LE GAGNEUR (11)	C Sutherland (a3)	58.5	91	13.00
3	s6383	SNAKESKIN (12)	J Molloy (a)	58.5	87	7.50
4	08	SPHERECRAAFT (13)	W O'Connell	58.5	85	34.00
5	6s555	DEE STORMED (15)	J Guthmann-Chester	57	96	★2.50
6	28s09	TOTSPUR (1)	Ms C Eaton	57	100	26.00
7	09	WHISKY TYCOON (10)	Ms L Barr (a2)	57	70	51.00
8	0s867	AKEED'S GIRL (6)	C Taylor	56.5	76	81.00
9	4s973	MADAM ROCK (7)	Scratched	56.5		–
10	96476	SEVERINE (9) (h)	K Yoshida	56.5	83	10.00
11	8s3	TRUST A KITTY (14)	W D'Avila	56.5	98	8.50
12	9s9	BRAVE HOSHI (5)	K H Zechner	55	70	41.00
13	80	KICKS AND GIGGLES (2)	Ms G Cartwright	55	78	31.00
14	623s0	THE LITTLE SPARROW (8)	Ms T Brooker	55	93	7.50
		EMERGENCY				
15	875s8	VAIN LUKE (3) (h)	Ms S Wilcock (a1.5)	58.5	75	101.00

DEE STORMED 1, Snakeskin 2, The Little Sparrow 3

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (4) Spherecraaft blinkers on first time; (6) Totspur tongue-tie off first time **RACE 2:** (4) Primary Witness blinkers on again, nose roll off first time; (6) Smoke 'N' Oakum pre-race ear muffs on first time, gelded, tongue-tie on first time; (8) The Magician blinkers on first time; (11) Smash It Maddi winkers on first time; (13) Gypsy White Socks blinkers on again, winkers off first time; (14) Summer Ready blinkers on first time **RACE 4:** (1) Big Sky Country gelded, lugging bit on first time; (4) Gypsy Tricks cross-over noseband off first time, tongue-tie off first time; (11) Story Of Stella cross-over noseband on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (12) Bedaub blinkers on again, tongue-tie on again **RACE 5:** (1) Private Banker blinkers off again, winkers on again; (6) Easy Come front pads on again; (7) Stryking Princess nose roll off again; (10) Licenced And Ready blinkers on again **RACE 6:** (1) Whyteepee cross-over noseband on first time, lugging bit on first time, winkers off first time; (2) Michita gelded; (3) Rothsphene near-side bubble cheeker on first time, cross-over noseband on first time, gelded; (6) Time To Launch tongue-tie on first time; (7) Too Much Makeup blinkers off first time, compression hood with ear muffs on first time, ear muffs off first time; (12) Ruby Red blinkers on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (13) Shintaro Lass blinkers off first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time; (14) Stella Enigma tongue-tie on first time; (15) Mister winkers on first time; (16) Madame Moth blinkers on first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time; (19) Smokin' De Quo blinkers on first time; (20) Mandalong Helicat tongue-tie on first time; (21) All Win pre-race ear muffs off first time, winkers off first time; (23) War Hope dually headcollar off first time, pre-race ear muffs off first time **RACE 7:** (5) Private Banker blinkers off again, winkers on again **RACE 8:** (8) Five Star Decanter tongue-tie off first time; (12) Bernmark cheekers on first time, tongue-control bit on first time, tongue-tie off first time; (17) Instant Response visors on first time, winkers off first time

THE DETAILS

RAIL: True **TRACK:** Good (4)

2 1.33 WARWICK SANDSTONE PLATE EQ2

1350m. $22,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	63s74	ADELATION (15)	K Yoshida	58.5	88	21.00
2	0	BETTER EXCEED (7)	Ms M Savva	58.5	78	31.00
3	8s905	MARLEE'S ZANDER (10)	Ms G Cartwright	58.5	92	26.00
4	0s269	PRIMARY WITNESS (12)	J Huxtable	58.5	82	15.00
5	9s480	TIME FOR JACK (5)	B Loy	58.5	81	21.00
6		SMOKE 'N' OAKUM (1)	C Bayliss	57	87	17.00
7	36452	SPECIALTIE (4)	E Chaves	57	97	8.50
8	8	THE MAGICIAN (6)	B Appo	57	72	26.00
9	3s373	LOVE ON DISPLAY (13)	Ms B Ainsworth	56.5	99	4.90
10	94046	RED HOT LOVE (14) (h)	N Tomizawa	56.5	84	21.00
11	387s6	SMASH IT MADDI (9)	Jai Williams (a)	56.5	93	6.50
12	6s932	UNLEASH (2) (b)	K H Zechner	56.5	100	★2.90
13	s9580	GYPSY WHITE SOCKS (8)	Ms T Brooker	55	81	34.00
14	6	SUMMER READY (16)	Scratched	55		–
		EMERGENCIES				
15	86377	RODEO LEGEND (11)	Ms T Noble (a3)	58.5	88	61.00
16	99097	ENTERPRISE FUSE (3) (h)		56.5	74	101.00

UNLEASH 1, Love On Display 2, Smash It Maddi 3, Special tie 4

3 2.08 CARS MADE EASY EQ3

800m. $20,000. Benchmark 70. Apprentices can claim.

1	0231s	DREAM WEAVING (1) (dw)	C Sutherland (a3)	61	95	5.50
2	2009s	ICED (2) (tn)	Ms G Cartwright	61	94	26.00
3	13560	TURBOART (6) (wn)	J Huxtable	60.5	78	11.00
4	s4422	POLYLITHIC (NZ) (7) (wn)	B Loy	60	93	★4.80
5	6166s	BRING ME KASH (4) (dw)	Scratched	59		–
6	21111	HOT OR NOT (5) (dn)	Scratched	59		–
7	81828	COPPER SUNSET (3) (dtcw)	N Tomizawa	55.5	86	18.00
8	7s702	AMANECER (8) (w)	Scratched	54		–

POLYLITHIC 1, Dream Weaving 2

4 2.48 WESTSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE PLATE EQ4

800m. $20,000. Class 1 SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	s35s1	BIG SKY COUNTRY (3)	Ms E Lang (a)	60	100	★3.20
2	2s121	CHISUM (14) (h)	P Hamblin	60	97	5.00
3	673s0	ELECTRIC (11) (w)	B Loy	60	81	21.00
4	1s704	GYPSY TRICKS (NZ) (9)	L J Miller	60	93	6.50
5	30181	NOW AND BEN (7)	J Huxtable	60	85	18.00
6	615s	BLACK COUNTRY (13)	Ms S McCann (a2)	58.5	82	34.00
7	43586	ACIREMA (15)	Jai Williams (a)	58	84	12.00
8	7s702	AMANECER (4) (w)	W D'Avila	58	88	12.00
9	s9416	ELKA ELEVEN (1) (n)	Ms G Cartwright	58	82	21.00
10	1	I'M A TINY DANCER (10) (dtcwh)	K Yoshida	58	87	10.00
11	46360	STORY OF STELLA (12) (wn)	J Molloy (a)	58	81	21.00
12	240s7	BEDAUB (2)	Ms T Brooker	56.5	92	18.00
		EMERGENCIES				
13	62859	SHE'S SO VAIN (6)		58	72	51.00
14	32745	WHISTLIN' RULER (8)		60	84	13.00
15	88045	INVANESS (5)	Ms S Willis (a2)	58	72	51.00

BIG SKY COUNTRY 1, Chisum 2, Gypsy Tricks 3, I'm A Tiny Dancer 4

5 3.28 DARLING DOWNS HARNESS RACING CLUB Q1

1200m. $20,000. Benchmark 60. Apprentices can claim.

1	18435	PRIVATE BANKER (8)	Scratched	61		–
2	25237	ONE REASON (2) (ri)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	60	100	4.00
3	2755s	DAD'S LAD (10) (h)	Ms L Barr (a2)	58.5	95	14.00
4	03770	BOBBY AXELROD (1) (tw)	T Lesliqht (a1.5)	58	76	18.00
5	71259	HEART OF MARBLE (6) (d)	J Molloy (a)	57	98	8.50
6	14123	EASY COME (9) (dwn)	Ms T Noble (a3)	56	96	14.00
7	2605s	STRYKING PRINCESS (4) (dtwh)	N Tomizawa	56	85	41.00
8	33133	SEIRYU (5) (dwn)	Ms T Brooker	55.5	94	5.50
9	65s13	TATTLE (3) (dnb)	Ms G Cartwright	55.5	98	★3.20
10	21170	LICENCED AND READY (7) (dh)	Ms C Eaton	55	81	51.00
11	61333	EYE WANTED (12)	Scratched	54		–
12	70094	WHISTLE HOFF (11) (dwn)	K H Zechner	54	92	21.00
13	58080	WHISTLIN' ARROW (13) (dtw)		54	75	51.00

ONE REASON 1, Tattle 2, Seiryu 3, Heart Of Marble 4

6 4.08 WARWICK HOTEL PLATE DD1 Q2

1100m. $22,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	0336s	WHYTEEPEE (9)	J Huxtable	58.5	82	21.00
2		MICHITA (6)	Ms M Savva	57	72	14.00
3		ROTHSPHENE (3)	Ms Y Lewis (a)	57	81	15.00
4	s375s	ROMANTIC THOUGHTS (19)	N Tomizawa	56.5	93	8.50
5		TANTALISING (20)	Ms S Wilcock (a1.5)	56.5	86	18.00
6	2243	TIME TO LAUNCH (18)	Scratched	56.5		–
7	0349s	TOO MUCH MAKEUP (7) (h)	W D'Avila	56.5	93	14.00
8	92	BELEGATO (NZ) (12)	Scratched	55.5		–
9	226s2	EXCLUSIVE DROP (10)	T Lesliqht (a1.5)	55	95	★7.50
10		JUNGLE LAW (1)	Ms L Barr (a2)	55	81	14.00
11	38s94	PRINCESS LUTETIA (11)	Scratched	55		–
12		RUBY RED (14) (h)	Ms T Noble (a3)	55	84	19.00
13		SHINTARO LASS (16)	Scratched	55		–
14		STELLA ENIGMA (22)	Ms G Cartwright	55	76	8.50
		EMERGENCIES				
15	3s5	MISTER (15)	Ms E Lang (a)	57	90	14.00
16	6	MADAME MOTH (23)	Ms B Ainsworth	55	83	18.00
17	9s	GOTEBO (17)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	58.5	91	14.00
18	0	LITTLE VAIN (2) (h)	K Yoshida	58.5	72	61.00
19	9s	SMOKIN' DE QUO (21)	C Bayliss	56.5	79	18.00
20	9s6	MANDALONG HELLCAT (13) (h)		55	72	31.00
21	55s	ALL WIN (5)		58.5	90	14.00
22	7760s	NORTHWOOD POPPET (4)		56.5	75	61.00
23	558s7	WAR HOPE (8)		58.5	73	51.00

EXCLUSIVE DROP 1, Romantic Thoughts 2, Stella Enigma 3

7 4.48 SUPPORT CANCER CURE FOR MATT STANDING Q3

1350m. $20,000. Benchmark 62. Apprentices can claim.

1	s3170	MOST DAZZLING (4) (dwn)		63.5	100	7.50
2	41865	KING OF THE DESERT (1) (wn)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	61.5	100	15.00
3	65256	PREPOTENT (3) (twn)	K H Zechner	60.5	98	★4.20
4	12713	DEELOSH (5)		60	99	5.50
5	18435	PRIVATE BANKER (7)	B Loy	60	95	8.50
6	21524	CHARGED (10) (dwn)	Ms G Cartwright	59	95	12.00
7	321s7	TAKUNAI (11) (twn)	Ms R Jamieson	59	86	18.00
8	0s237	BEAN ROCKING (6) (w)	J Huxtable	58.5	94	12.00
9	52315	DREAMSEEKER (12) (dtcwb)		58.5	94	15.00
10	17534	SPIRIT'S CHARM (2) (dw)	Ms T Brooker	58	93	16.00
11	13328	DAZZLING FLASH (8) (wn)	T Lesliqht (a1.5)	57.5	87	13.00
12	66348	BULL DIMPLE RUM (13) (wnb)	Scratched	56		–
13	72868	SIR PICCOLO (14) (dtcw)	K Yoshida	55.5	85	41.00
14	06535	HERECUMDA DRUMS (9) (dtw)	N Tomizawa	54	99	16.00

PREPOTENT 1, Deelosh 2, Most Dazzling 3, Private Banker 4

8 5.25 ENSBEY ELECTRICAL HCP DD2 Q4

1500m. $20,000. Class 2. Apprentices can claim.

1	s5082	KUBWA (7)	J Huxtable	60	99	8.50
2	13526	SUPER DUCK (15) (hb)	W D'Avila	58	88	6.00
3	90s22	IRISH SALLY (10) (h)	K H Zechner	57.5	100	★3.20
4	627s2	MOUNT ZION (14) (w)	Ms R Jamieson	57.5	85	8.50
5	155s0	AMPHAWA (17) (dw)	Scratched	57		–
6	49617	ISLA'S DAY (1) (dw)		57	98	6.00
7	26604	DARCHINIAN (2) (w)	N Tomizawa	56	91	17.00
8	480s5	FIVE STAR DECANTER (NZ) (5)	Ms G Cartwright	55.5	87	34.00
9	327s0	LAWBREAKER (5)	C Bayliss	55.5	99	12.00
10	79s08	MONACO DELUXE (3)	Ms A Donald (a)	55	74	61.00
11	57274	SCAPINI (11)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	54.5	90	8.50
12	9s660	BERNMARK (9) (d)	Ms E Lang (a)	54	81	26.00
13	12069	TEMPTRESS KATIE (16) (w)	C Taylor	54	84	31.00
14	77102	REDVEDEV (NZ) (13)	Ms M Savva	54	84	41.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	54697	SINNAMON TOAST (4)		54	78	61.00
16	7s696	BETTER CLASS (6)		54	84	26.00
17	83489	INSTANT RESPONSE (18) (w)	Ms L Barr (a2)	54	81	51.00
18	89759	FAITHFUL MARYANNE (12) (wn)		54	81	101.00

IRISH SALLY 1, Isla's Day 2, Super Duck 3, Scapini 4

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TAB DUBBO RACES

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THE DETAILS

RAIL: True **TRACK:** Soft (5)

TAB FIXED ODDS ALL RACES

1 12.50 COCA COLA NO SUGAR PLATE EQ1

1100m. $22,000. C,H&G Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	4	CALMUNDI (7)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	59	75	81.00
2	0s332	CANNY PROSPECT (6) (b)	N Heywood	59	100	★1.80
3	2549s	LUSKIN VAIN (8)	Ms C Ings	59	87	21.00
4	6	PLATINUM WARRIOR (2) (h)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	59	84	12.00
5		BYRON'S FARM (5)	B Nock (a1.5)	57.5	77	21.00
6	2	CHEAP GAS (1)	J Pracey-Holmes	57.5	90	3.60
7	7s723	HE'S ALL STYLE (3) (h)	C Gallagher	57.5	95	3.60
8	6	PARTYGATE (4)	Scratched	57.5		–

CANNY PROSPECT 1, He's All Style 2, Cheap Gas 3, Calmundi 4

2 1.25 BARASTOC RACE N WIN PLATE EQ2

1100m. $22,000. F&M Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	0569s	CAMP COVE (4) (h)	M Stapleford (a3)	58	91	19.00
2	0s089	KERMIE GAL (8)	K Dunbar	58	78	101.00
3	8s520	PAINITE (7)	A Cavallo	58	87	11.00
4	04204	SALLISTA (3)		58	88	16.00
5	68s33	TAKEN FOR GRANTED (11)	Scratched	58		–
6	47s2	CHOICE WITNESS (5) (b)	C Vitler (a2)	56.5	100	★1.65
7	9	DERVINIA (12) (h)	R Simpson (a)	56.5	81	18.00
8		DON'T TELL TARA (1) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitsmac	56.5	79	21.00
9	0	FLASH DANDINO (10) (h)	M Heagney	56.5	78	101.00
10	60s9	FLYING NINA (2)	M A Cahill	56.5	78	31.00
11		GRAND OYSTER (9) (h)	Ms A Cooper (a3)	56.5	85	7.50
12		VERENDY (6)	B Nock (a1.5)	56.5	94	5.50

SALLISTA 1, Choice Witness 2, Verendy 3, Painite 4

3 2.00 DESSPOS SOLUTIONS EQ3

1400m. $30,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

1	24s52	MEDINAH (2) (b)		59	97	★2.60
2	00s7	TAKE IT ON THE RUN (10) (h)	R Simpson (a)	56.5	76	81.00
3	36825	DALANTE (11) (h)	M Heagney	55.5	90	41.00
4	6	DANCES WITH HOOVES (4) (b)	M A Cahill	55.5	94	4.00
5	8s455	FREEWHEELER (1)	C Vitler (a2)	55.5	98	5.00
6	9s507	LAISVAS (12) (h)	M Stapleford (a3)	55.5	87	21.00
7	74	MISSION MUMMABEAR (3) (h)	C Gallagher	55.5	91	10.00
8	04724	SENSEI JACKIE (7) (h)	J Pracey-Holmes	55.5	97	13.00
9	6s80	SWEET BREEZE (5) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitsmac	55.5	73	151.00
10	54s73	THE GIT UP (6)	B Nock (a1.5)	55.5	100	10.00
11	36988	THE PERCENTAGE (8)	J Rogers	55.5	83	81.00
12	63743	UNDER ACHIEVER (NZ) (9)	A Cavallo	55.5	94	10.00

MEDINAH 1, Freewheeler 2, The Git Up 3, Dances With Hooves 4

4 2.40 MAAS MILE PLATE EQ4 Q1

1600m. $27,000. Class 1/Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	4s067	AUSSIE PHAROAH (8) (dtcw)	B Looker	59	90	41.00
2	s5624	GIRRAGULANG (5)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	59	89	26.00
3	4s534	HALLOWED STAR (14) (h)	R Simpson (a)	59	100	4.00
4	35137	I AM CONVINCING (4) (w)	M Stapleford (a3)	59	90	13.00
5	45324	KARAOKE KING (12) (wnb)		59	96	9.50
6	s1s99	SHADOW SHOT (3)	C Gallagher	59	81	61.00
7	67015	SNITCH'N'SNATCHING (13) (dw)	S Lisnyy	59	91	21.00
8	147s8	ZOUCAN TOUCAN (11)	B Nock (a1.5)	59	86	51.00
9	4s216	ROTHGATE (7) (hb)	M A Cahill	57.5	97	3.80
10	43410	DHYANI (NZ) (10) (d)	J Barrie (a2)	57	97	19.00
11	8s64	THUNDERBOLTER (9)	N Heywood	56.5	88	21.00
12	744s1	ERELLE (2)	C Vitler (a2)	55.5	93	★3.40
13	39s36	MRS BULL (1) (h)	Ms G McDonnell	55	95	15.00
14	09	TWENTY FOUR GUNS (NZ) (6)		55	79	81.00

ERELLE 1, Hallowed Star 2, Snitch'n'snatching 3, Karaoke King 4

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5 3.20 MEDLEY REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING DD1 Q2

1100m. $22,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

1	89s24	DESTINY'S BOUNTY (6) (w)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	61.5	88	12.00
2	21s	EAGLE DGE (18) (dtcw)	C Gallagher	59	87	★3.90
3	19s	ZAP YAH (13) (dwh)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	58	85	9.50
4	7241s	PLENITUDE (9) (dtcwh)	R Simpson (a)	57.5	96	4.80
5	1s6	DANCE DES (5)	N Heywood	56.5	88	6.50
6	28174	FANTASY CROWNED (10) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitsmac	56.5	87	34.00
7	56217	SOUTH BULLAWAY (17) (dh)	B Looker	56.5	91	10.00
8	0327s	SPEUDOSA (7) (tw)	Ms W Peel	56.5	94	81.00
9	93330	CUMNOCK (8) (dw)	B Nock (a1.5)	56	87	13.00
10	170	WASTED DAYS (3) (h)	J Pracey-Holmes	56	81	12.00
11	2985s	PAHANG (1) (wh)	Ms G McDonnell	55.5	91	81.00
12	s7189	INVEST IN LOVE (15) (dh)	M Stapleford (a3)	55	82	31.00
13	15356	CHELSEA AMANDA (16) (dtc)	Scratched	55		–
14	360s1	MONAZEL (11) (tw)	C Vitler (a2)	55	100	11.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	4s969	BARCOO RIVER (4)	A Cavallo	55	81	26.00
16	80368	LADY FRAULEIN (2) (h)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	55	78	34.00
17	00s64	PIXIE'S CHOICE (19)		55	86	81.00
18	75089	SEASONAL SPIRIT (14) (wh)		55	69	126.00
19	50074	SMART 'N' RITZY (12)		55	80	126.00

MONAZEL 1, Plenitude 2, South Bullaway 3, Speudosa 4

6 4.00 BARASTOC SUMMER SPRINT SERIES Q3

1000m. $27,000. Benchmark 58 Heat. Apprentices can claim.

1	2210s	KEEP ON GOING (1) (twh)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	63	90	6.50
2	42778	MY ODDETTE (NZ) (9) (wh)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	60.5	92	11.00
3	5s133	APOLLO STAR (7) (dtcb)	B Nock (a1.5)	60	91	4.80
4	33246	MIDNIGHT DREAM (10) (dtcwh)	C Gallagher	60	87	7.50
5	1736s	SIN CITY BELLE (3) (dtcwh)	C Vitler (a2)	59.5	82	19.00
6	3s1	DEVINE CHOPS (2) (dwh)	R Simpson (a)	59	90	★2.40
7	70308	TELLS TAILS (6) (dtcwh)	B Looker	58.5	81	26.00
8	1920s	BLACKHILL KITTY (8) (dh)	M Stapleford (a3)	57.5	100	41.00
9	s6455	SIMPLY BETTER (4) (dw)	J Pracey-Holmes	56.5	92	9.00
10	10166	JARMANAGIC (5) (dwh)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	55.5	87	81.00
11	s113s	TWYBORN AFFAIR (11)	Ms W Peel	55.5	91	23.00
12	5700s	ZARZOU (12) (w)	A Cavallo	55	79	151.00

KEEP ON GOING 1, Devine Chops 2, Tells Tails 3, Apollo Star 4

7 4.40 BARASTOC FURLONG DD2 Q4

1400m. $30,000. Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim.

1	16669	CELTIC HARP (6) (dwh)	M Stapleford (a3)	63	84	10.00
2	14s09	THE MEDIATOR (15) (dtw)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	62.5	90	19.00
3	0s756	DREAM GAME (9) (w)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	61	86	10.00
4	22039	RINGSIDE (5) (d)	J Pracey-Holmes	61	93	17.00
5	97070	TUPOU (4) (wh)	R Simpson (a)	60	84	19.00
6	55581	OWHATA CRUMPET (16) (bw)	A Banks	59.5	99	10.00
7	15s01	PANTS ON FIRE (18) (dtwh)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	59.5	92	7.50
8	77s05	ADELSUN (2) (dw)	N Heywood	59	94	★3.80
9	04s04	RIVER ROCKET (19) (wh)	B Nock (a1.5)	59	89	19.00
10	72783	WITNESS COLLECTOR (10) (dtwh)	M Heagney	58.5	91	23.00
11	62463	LINDEN TREE (8) (dtwh)	B Looker	57.5	100	19.00
12	6s686	MARYLAND BRIDGE (1) (bwh)	C Gallagher	57	87	13.00
13	51s52	DIVINE RENDEZVOUS (13) (w)	C Vitler (a2)	56.5	90	8.00
14	243s6	KALPANA (12) (wh)	Ms G McDonnell	55	100	11.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	74s13	DUNDAS (7)	Scratched	57		–
16	82s95	SEARCHLIGHT (17) (dw)		57	90	61.00
17	379s8	JASIRI (14) (h)		55	84	126.00
18	50s57	OLLIVANDER (11) (twh)		55	89	34.00
19	607s6	COSTAS (NZ) (3) (wh)		55	88	61.00

ADELSUN 1, Pants On Fire 2, River Rocket 3, Kalpana 4

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1 12.35 HORSEPOWER HANDICAP EQ1

1000m. $27,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	23596	MYSWEETMOSES (2)	A Morgan	62	95	4.00
2	413s8	FLYING BIRDS (8)	M Bell	61	92	11.00
3	1	DIZE (7) (d)	Ms A Roper (a)	58.5	100	5.00
4	8060s	SCHWOON (4) (dw)	Mr R Rivett Prg (a3)	58	89	13.00
5	044s0	SIPPITY SIP (6) (dw)	G Buckley	58	94	7.00
6	4s517	SNITZAROO (5) (d)	A Bullock	58	100	★3.50
7	726s6	MARAMOTI (NZ) (9)	B Osmond (a2)	56	88	13.00
8	13s33	STORM'S END (10) (wb)	Ms J Duggan	56	93	7.00
9	17980	CATCH ME OUT (3) (t)	D Mc Lellan	55	78	51.00
10	810s6	SNOW STAR (1)	Matthew Palmer	55	85	34.00

SNITZAROO 1, Mysweetmoses 2, Dize 3, Sippity Sip 4

2 1.10 TAB SUMMER SIZZLER EQ2

1000m. $27,000. Open. Apprentices can claim.

1	53147	OUTREACH TO HENRY (2) (dw)	A Gibbons	61	96	★2.50
2	5s149	SHARKIM (9) (dw)		60	88	9.00
3	4s163	CUSTO (4) (dtcwb)	M Bell	59.5	98	3.00
4	s4074	GIDGEE GUY (6) (dtcw)	G Buckley	59.5	91	7.00
5	43665	I'M NOT SLEW (7) (dtc)	R Jones	58.5	100	9.00
6	5631s	SECRET SPY (1)	A Bullock	58	99	13.00
7	1707s	POWDERFINGER (5) (w)	A Morgan	55	93	17.00
8	21546	NOSEY (3) (dtcw)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	85	26.00
9	7490s	SILICA SAND (8) (w)	B Osmond (a2)	55	75	34.00

OUTREACH TO HENRY 1, Custo 2, Gidgee Guy 3, Sharkim 4

3 1.45 BENGALLA PLATE EQ3

1450m. $30,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	987s8	DEIFIC (2)	Mr M Fitzgerald (a2)	59	81	101.00
2	09905	GOLDEN RIVER GIFT (7)	Mr R Rivett Prg (a3)	59	86	51.00
3	59840	MASTER TYLER (NZ) (9)		59	83	51.00
4	24s52	MEDINAH (6) (b)	A Bullock	59	100	★2.25
5	596s7	SELVAM (10)	Matthew Palmer	59	80	41.00
6	0	JAMESY (4)	Ms M Weir	57.5	90	21.00
7	45s56	JUST BREATHE (1)	K Jennings	57	90	17.00
8	6s672	ULTIMATE REIGN (8) (hb)	J Van Overmeire	57	92	11.00
9	00s75	EMPRESS OF MILAN (5)	A Morgan	55.5	82	21.00
10	3	IMAGE OF THE SUN (11)	G Buckley	55.5	93	2.50
11	575s6	M'LADY'S LUCK (3) (h)	Ms A Roper (a)	55.5	94	9.00

MEDINAH 1, Image Of The

Weekend race dividends

GOLD COAST

Run Saturday - Track Soft(5)

1-MAGIC MILLIONS COUNTRY CUP 1200m: 10.00 ZOUMETEOR (b/fr G 4y Zoustar - Kakalakatie. Trainer: S W Kendrick) 52.5 (Angela Jones) 1, 9.00 MELVET HAZE 54 (A Mallyon) 2, 4.80 fav PARTY SPIRIT 52.5 (Damien Thornton) 3. Then followed: 6.50 Zhuang Shi 41.00 Constant Flight 75.0 Brody 7.50 Hodgson 18.00 Under The Limit 21.00 Gnularity 201.00 Hard Landing 31.00 Media Empire 51.00 Most Dazzling 26.00 Brad 11.00 Letmeletgo 151.00 Skiddaw 21.00 Rollin with the flow Scr: : Jamaican Rumba, Dare To Share, Timely Bet, King Gutho, Clover's Prince. 1/2 len, 3/4 len. Time: 1:08.33. (Last 600m: 0:34.39).

2-MAGIC MILLIONS THE DEBUT ZYO FILLIES 1000m: 1.85 fav TOO DARN LIZZIE (b F 2y Too Darn Hot (GB) - Enbihaar. Trainer: G Waterhouse & A Bott) 56.5 (Tim Clark) 1, 6.00 FROEBEL STAR 56.5 (M Zahra) 2, 4.80 DO MINE ITTA 56.5 (A Hyeronimus) 3. Then followed: 91.00 Rivara 9.00 Bank Book 31.00 Indubitably 81.00 Hvardance 51.00 Divine Di 12.00 Champagne River All Started. 1-1/2 len, NK. Time: 0:57.09. (Last 600m: 0:33.11).

Track Changed to Good (4)

3-MAGIC MILLIONS THE DEBUT ZYO C&G 1000m: 6.00 LEAD ME ON (b G 2y Brutal (NZ) - The Seductress. Trainer: Chris Anderson) 56.5 (M Rodd) 1, 5.50 HEAVENLY IMPACT 56.5 (M Zahra) 2, 4.80 THE HAMO 56.5 (Adin Thompson) 3. Then followed: 9.50 Indecisive 3.30 fav Barracuda 26.00 Click Click Boom 16.00 King Spirit 14.00 Cryptostar 18.00 Sibelius 101.00 L/L Rex Scr: Balaster, Due Calzini. 3/4 len, 1/2 len. Time: 0:56.71. (Last 600m: 0:33.60).

4-$1M RACING QUEENSLAND MAGIC MILLIONS OPEN 1300m: 2.50 BOOM TORQUE (b G 4y Spirit Of Boom - Outback Saga. Trainer: M J Dunn) 53 (M J Dee) 1, 26.00 BETTER GET SET 53 (Damien Thornton) 2, 8.00 CHINNY BOOM 54 (Justin P Stanley) 3. Then followed: 3.60 fav Rothfire 11.00 Show Me Mercy 200 Hatchet 151.00 Pentito 5.00 Steady Ready 51.00 Stuttering 201.00 Glass Of Rose 19.00 Ef Troop 26.00 Viminale 201.00 Wapiti 18.00 Situation Room 151.00 Azzaraach 201.00 Dr Why Not Scr: Alpine Edge, Hard To Say SN, 2-1/2 len. Time: 1:13.82. (Last 600m: 0:34.43).

5-$1M MAGIC MILLIONS SUBZERO 2200m: 5.50 SOUNITED (b G 6y So You Think (NZ) - Magissa. Trainer: G Waterhouse & A Bott) 54 (Tim Clark) 1, 26.00 PARRY SOUND 54 (Reece Jones) 2, 4.60 fav ZENNZELLA 55 (Jamie Kah) 3. Then followed: 15.00 Deficit 26.00 Love Tap 31.00 Ain't He Grand 31.00 Unanimous 7.00 Sky Lab 31.00 Ready Available 9.50 Noah N' A Deel 14.00 Warning 18.00 The Vowels 31.00 Military Gambler 31.00 Head Of State 26.00 Outlandos 18.00 Arts Object 151.00 Olympic Gaze 31.00 Beaufort Park Scr: Chayse N' Artie, Demon Darb, Bader, Commander Bell. LH, SN. Time: 2:14.61. (Last 600m: 0:34.92).

6-$1M TAB MAGIC MILLIONS THE SYNDICATE 1100m: 7.50 DERRY GROVE (ch G 5y Star Turn - True Malt. Trainer: M J Dunn) 58.5 (N Rawiller) 1, 16.00 HELUVA BARTY 58.5 (Justin Huxtable) 2, 4.40 fav GOLDEN BOOM 58.5 (Ryan Maloney) 3. Then followed: 3.50 fav Prince Of Boom 14.00 Rupertaar 20.00 Eleven Eleven 15.00 Baroque Road 31.00 Jemeldi 41.00 Reliable Ruby 12.00 Bezique 8.50 Bossed Up 101.00 Fetch 41.00 Contemptuous 61.00 Beast Mode Scr: Clover's Prince. SHH, 2-3/4 len. Time: 1:02.21. (Last 600m: 0:33.58).

7-$1M IT'S LIVE! IN QUEENSLAND MAGIC MILLIONS SNIPPETS 1200m: 1.55 fav KING OF SPARTA (b G 5y Lonhro (Aus) - Invincible Octavia. Trainer: P & P Snowden) 57 (J B Mc Donald) 1, 20.00 PETRONIUS 57 (Jaden Lloyd) 2, 10.00 ROSE QUARTZ 56 (M J Dee) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Baller 14.00 Hard To Say 201.00 Noble Style 31.00 Beaux Rumble 11.00 Nettuno 91.00 Animate 18.00 Shooting For Gold 81.00 Spaceboy 61.00 Smart Image 91.00 Bonaparte Scr: Russian Warrior. 2 len, 1-1/2 len. Time: 1:08.26. (Last 600m: 0:33.66).

8-$3M THE STAR GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS 2YO CLASSIC (RL) 1200m: 2.50 fav STORM BOY (b C 2y Justify (USA) - Pelican (NZ). Trainer: G Waterhouse & A Bott) 57 (A Hyeronimus) 1, 4.40 HIGHNESS 57 (Tommy Berry) 2, 8.50 SPYWIRE 57 (J B Mc Donald) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Emo's Cube 5.50 Arabian Summer 26.00 Poster Girl 151.00 Mishani Alisha 31.00 Jenni's Meadow 101.00 Territory Ash 201.00 Mishani Express 51.00 Vianarra 201.00 Shiza Chiquitita 201.00 Spirited 201.00 Mishani Ego 19.00 Wolfgang Scr: Parkour, Mishani Hercules. 2-1/2 len, 2-1/4 len. Time: 1:08.00. (Last 600m: 0:33.86).

Track Changed to Good (3)

9-$3M GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS 3YO GUINEAS (RL) 1400m: 7.00 ABOUNDING (ch F 3y Rich Enuff - Transoric. Trainer: R L Heathcote) 54.5 (Martin Harley) 1, 31.00 SOVEREIGN FUND 56.5 (Tommy Berry) 2, 41.00 FLYING TRAPEZE 56 (Tyler Schiller) 3. Then followed: 61.00 Pure Paradise 8.00 Royal Tribute 14.00 Infatuation 26.00 Defiant Spirit 18.00 Trifling 200 Cifrado 18.00 Vanquished 31.00 Sunset Dreaming 21.00 The King 4.40 fav Chrysaor 18.00 Wagal Tiger 13.00 Verezze 26.00 Zouphoria Scr: Sydney Bowler, Deep Respect, Show Me Mercy, Keenan, Glass Of Rose, King Of Dubai, Hellfire Express. HD, NK. Time: 1:21.34. (Last 600m: 0:34.72).

10-$1M JEWEL MAGIC MILLIONS CUP (RL) 1400m: 14.00 SE MANIA (ch M 4y Winning Rupert - Festivity. Trainer: C Maher & D Eustace) 54 (Dylan Gibbons) 1, 15.00 MERIDIUS 54 (Jamie Kah) 2, 5.00 fav REVOLUTIONARY MISS 56 (J B Mc Donald) 3. Then followed: 5.00 fav Far Too Easy 151.00 The Ritz 26.00 Battleton 5.00 fav Zarastro 6.00 Loch Eagle 13.00 Lavish Empire 26.00 Perfect Thought 151.00 King Of Hastings 61.00 Zoushack 51.00 Frosty Rocks 81.00 Sunfall 61.00 Dynamic Impact 51.00 Arentee 61.00 Irish Songs Scr: Tamerlane, Eleven Eleven, Tubthumper, Russian Warrior, Damiani, Noble Style. 2 len, SN. Time: 1:21.46. (Last 600m: 0:34.96).

11-$1M TAB MAGIC MILLIONS FILLIES & MARES 1300m: 3.10 fav LADY LAGUNA (b M 4y Overshare - Catalina De Lago (NZ). Trainer: Annabel Neasham) 57 (J B Mc Donald) 1, 9.00 MISS HELLFIRE 55.5 (Tyler Schiller) 2, 21.00 MAID TO FIT 55.5 (James Orman) 3. Then followed: 3.80 Junqueira 13.00 Willinga Beast 11.00 Extremist 31.00 Lady Of Luxury 51.00 Seleque 71.00 Jayanthi 71.00 Russian Warrior 101.00 Drive A Deel 5.50 Royal Merchant 201.00 La Soeur 101.00 Tubthumper 201.00 Damiani Scr: Revolutionary Miss, Better Get Set, Chimny Boom, Cross The Rubicon, Glass Of Rose. 1len, 1-1/2 len. Time: 1:15.20. (Last 600m: 0:33.75).

Dividends

Race 1: 16 Zoumeteor $10.00 $3.50 9 Velvet Haze $3.20 15 Party Spirit $2.10. Q: $62.00. E: $106.90. T: $534.20. A2: 16-9: $18.00; 16-15: $10.00; 9-15: $9.70. FIRST 4: (16 9 15 13) $1,944.60. Scr: 14,18,19,20,21.

Race 2: 9 Too Darn Lizzie $1.80 $1.10 5 Froebel Star $1.70 4 Dominetta $1.50. Q: $5.00. E: $6.50. T: $17.10. A2: 9-5: $2.30; 9-4: $1.80; 5-4: $3.40. FIRST 4: (9 5 4 8) $340.90. All Started.

Race 3: 8 Lead Me On $6.10 $1.90 5 Heavenly Impact $1.90 10 The Hamo $1.90. Q: $15.10. E: $26.10. T: $144.00. A2: 8-5: $6.40; 8-10: $5.80; 5-10: $4.60. FIRST 4: (8 5 10 6) $715.80. Scr: 1,12.

Race 4: 9 Boom Torque $6.80 $2.20 8 Better Get Set $5.30 4 Chimny Boom $2.60. Q: $8.75. E: $149.70. T: $1,354.20. A2: 9-8: $23.70; 9-4: $9.80; 8-4: $23.10. FIRST 4: (9 8 4 1) $4,532.00. Scr: 2,3.

Race 5: 6 So United $6.40 $2.40 5 Parry Sound $7.70 3 Zenzella $2.30. Q: $75.30. E: $180.10. T: $9,180.20. A2: 6-5: $27.90; 6-3: $3.80; 5-3: $26.40. FIRST 4: (6 5 3 16) $ 10,046.10. Scr: 19,20,21,22.

Race 6: 5 Derry Grove $8.20 $2.60 9 Heluva Barty $3.70 4 Golden Boom $1.80. Q: $77.10. E: $114.90. T: $654.80. A2: 5-9: $20.60; 5-4: $6.50; 9-4: $13.30. FIRST 4: (5 9 4 1) $12,032.20. Scr: 15.

Race 7: 3 King Of Sparta $1.40 $1.00 4 Petronius $4.50 6 Rose Quartz $2.10. Q: $17.00. E: $20.20. T: $123.30. A2: 3-4: $6.50; 3-6: $3.10; 4-6: $22.20. FIRST 4: (3 4 6 1) $782.70. Scr: 13.

Race 8: 1 Storm Boy $2.10 $1.20 4 Highness $1.60 2 Spywire $2.30. Q: $4.40. E: $7.00. T: $31.30. A2: 1-4: $2.20; 1-2: $3.40; 4-2: $5.50. FIRST 4: (14 2 1) $13.90. Scr: 3,7.

Race 9: 13 Abounding $7.30 $2.70 3 Sovereign Fund $2.20 8 Flying Trapeze $13.60. Q: $66.00. E: $243.10. T: $8,702.40. A2: 13-3: $41.50; 13-8: $63.10; 3-8: $203.50. FIRST 4: (13 3 8 18) $749,331.10. Scr: 19,20,21,22,23,100,J,TR,L.

Race 10: 12 Semana $15.20 $3.70 13 Meridius $4.00 7 Revolutionary Miss $2.10. Q: $112.90. E: $196.20. T: $1,791.90. A2: 12-13: $32.90; 12-7: $14.20; 13-7: $12.10. FIRST 4: (12 13 7 2) $8,728.50. Scr: 1,4,20,21,22,23.

Race 11: 3 Lady Laguna $2.90 $1.50 11 Miss Hellfire $3.10 14 Maid To Fit $4.50. Q: $15.60. E: $22.80. T: $231.00. A2: 3-11: $6.00; 3-14: $10.40; 11-14: $15.30. FIRST 4: (3 11 14 13) $879.50. Scr: 25,6,16,20.

DOUBLE: 13 Abounding 3 Lady Laguna $33.10. SUB 2 3. **TREBLE:** 13 Abounding 12 Semana 3 Lady Laguna $338.90. SUB: 2 7 3. **EARLY QUADDIE:** 9 Boom Torque 6 So United 5 Derry Grove 3 King Of Sparta $485.70. SUB: 1 3 1 3. **QUADDIE:** 1 Storm Boy 13 Abounding 12 Semana 3 Lady Laguna $1,701.00. SUB: 1 2 7 3.

ROSEHILL

Race 1: 5 Patrika Mist $13.20 $2.70 2 Jumeirah Beach $1.50 4 Decadent Tale $2.70. Q: $ 1060. E: $68.10. T: $465.90. A2: 5-2: $6.30; 5-4: $15.40; 2-4: $ 490. FIRST 4: (5 2 4 6) $1,817.80. Scr: 9.

Race 2: 8 Smart And Dapper $ 17.00 $4.60 4 Feel The Knight $ 9.30 5 Tai Lung $2.90. Q: $220.90. E: $516.80. T: $4,335.70. A2: 8-4: $47.70; 8-5: $17.10; 4-5: $52.20. FIRST 4: (8 4 5 2) $8,751.10. All Started.

Race 3: 1 Penthouse $1.60 $1.20 4 Swift Charm $3.00 2 Bow Dart $2.30. Q: $10.50. E: $12.80. T: $65.00. A2: 1-4: $4.20; 1-2: $3.30; 4-2: $12.20. FIRST 4: (1 4 2 3) $646.90. All Started.

Race 4: 1 High Blue Sea $12.00 $3.40 2 Gallant Star $1.70 7 Don Pedro $6.80. Q: $26.20. E: $68.70. T: $876.30. A2: 1-2: $7.40; 1-7: $42.30; 2-7: $16.20. FIRST 4: (12 7 9) $6,612.00. Scr: 3.

Race 5: 1 Diamond Dealer $ 16.50 $3.90 7 Mrs Christie $1.70 3 Either Or $ 1.80. Q: $31.50. E: $90.90. T: $308.30. A2: 1-7: $9.90; 1-3: $9.60; 7-3: $4.50. FIRST 4: (17 3 6) $2,951.60. Scr: 5.

Race 6: 8 Louisville $2.20 $1.30 7 Floating $3.60 12 Angel Of Light $1.70. Q: $ 20.50. E: $ 35.60. T: $108.80. A2: 8-2: $7.40; 8-12: $2.40; 7-12: $13.70. FIRST 4: (8 7 12 2) $779.40. Scr: 5.

Race 7: 12 Naval College $2.70 $1.40 10 Riyazan $ 3.90 6 Lord Ardmore $6.10. Q: $ 28.90. E: $ 44.30. T: $751.50. A2: 12-10: $10.60; 12-6: $12.60; 10-6: $ 62.00. FIRST 4: (12 10 6 1) $ 3,091.0 10. Scr: 8.

Race 8: 6 Rubamos $ 10.40 $1.70 3 Zou Tiger $1.40 8 Ka Bling $1.20. Q: $17.00. E: $ 32.20. T: $ 88.50. A2: 6-3: $4.80; 6-8: $4.10; 3-8: $16.0. FIRST 4: (6 3 8 9) $305.60. Scr: 10,J.

Race 9: 11 Union Army $3.50 $1.40 5 Perelle $1.50 3 So Good So Cool $2.70. Q: $7.00. E: $ 14.40. T: $63.60. A2: 11-5: $ 25.0; 11-3: $6.30; 5-3: $ 28.0. FIRST 4: (11 5 3 6) $4,261.0. Scr: 9.

Race 10: 2 Testator Silens $ 2.20 $ 1.30 7 Gracilistyla $2.40 5 Stairman $2.50. Q: $8.70. E: $ 14.80. T: $62.80. A2: 2-7: $3.90; 2-5: $ 4.10; 7-5: $10.80. FIRST 4: (2 7 5 12) $225.00. Scr: 3,8,11.

DOUBLE: 6 Rubamos 2 Testator Silens $31.40. SUB 8 2. **TREBLE:** 6 Rubamos 11 Union Army 2 Testator Silens $ 104.50. SUB: 8 8 2. **EARLY QUADDIE:** 1 Penthouse 1 High Blue Sea 1 Diamond Dealer 8 Louisville $1,035.30. SUB: 1 11 3 8. **QUADDIE:** 12 Naval College 6 Rubamos 11 Union Army 2 Testator Silens $ 307.40. SUB: 12 8 8 2.

FLEMINGTON

Race 1: 5 Zestiman $ 3.60 $1.90 11 I'm Henough $2.80 9 Twin Engine NTD. Q: $13.70. E: $16.60. T: $60.20. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (5 11 9 3) $16.170. Scr: 2,7,8.

Race 2: 1 Aurora's Symphony $ 19.80 $ 3.60 4 Herman Hesse $1.60 7 Arugamama $1.20. Q: $38.00. E: $124.00. T: $284.80. A2: 1-4: $ 12.40; 1-7: $6.70; 4-7: $ 2.20. FIRST 4: (1 4 7 8) $ 559.60. Scr: 5.

Race 3: 3 Otago $1.50 $1.00 1 Vakis $1.80 8 Very Seawred $1.30. Q: $4.20. E: $6.60. T: $15.40. A2: 3-1: $2.30; 3-8: $1.80; 1-8: $3.60. FIRST 4: (3 1 8 2) $41.20. All Started.

Race 4: 4 Chester Warrior $5.10 $2.50 7 Who Shot Suzy $2.10 11 Shaime NTD. Q: $9.10. E: $ 18.50. T: $ 62.30. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (4 7 11 1) $642.40. Scr: 2,5,6,10.

Race 5: 2 Bold Soul $ 3.70 $1.40 8 Crossoverkid $9.20 5 Macy Moon $4.90. Q: $ 63.80. E: $199.10. T: $1,302.50. A2: 2-8: $ 25.80; 2-5: $10.60; 8-5: $98.60. FIRST 4: (2 8 5 1) $7,835.40. Scr: 4,12.

Race 6: 4 Regal Vow $9.60 $2.40 3 Kind Gesture $2.00 8 Rivaport $ 3.10. Q: $26.00. E: $63.10. T: $507.00. A2: 4-3: $2.80; 4-8: $16.20; 3-8: $11.10. FIRST 4: (4 3 8 5) $2,227.70. Scr: 1,2.

Race 7: 12 Vagrant $4.70 $1.70 6 Helix $ 1.50 9 Bullet Wing $5.00. Q: $6.80. E: $17.50. T: $256.80. A2: 12-6: $3.00; 12-9: $16.50; 6-9: $ 1440. FIRST 4: (12 6 9 3) $1,234.30. Scr: 1,7,8,14,15.

Race 8: 2 Sgtirripa $ 2.10 $ 1.40 4 Curran $1.70 and 5 Crosshaven $1.60. Q: (2 4): $2.50, (2 5): $3.40. E: (2 4): $3.60, (2 5): $5.30. T: (2 4 5): $19.30, (2 5 4): $ 17.00. FIRST 4: (2 4 5 7) $92.00, (2 5 4 7) $91.50. All Started.

Race 9: 2 Suparari $16.50 $3.00 10 Typhoon Harmony $2.90 9 Piaggio $ 1.70. Q: $76.10. E: $ 141.90. T: $1,428.30. A2: 2-10: $18.60; 2-9: $ 10.70, 10-9: $9.80. FIRST 4: (2 10 9 8) $3,021.460. Scr: 4,6.

Race 10: 1 Jungle Jim $2.30 $1.30 2 Is It Me $2.70 12 Master Mentor $3.10. Q: $6.70. E: $11.70. T: $98.60. A2: 1-2: $3.40; 1-12: $6.80; 2-12: $14.80. FIRST 4: (1 2 12 10) $1,428.60. Scr: 9,14.

DOUBLE: 2 Sgtirripa 1 Jungle Jim $8.10. SUB: 2 1. **TREBLE:** 2 Sgtirripa 2 Suparari 1 Jungle Jim $276.40. SUB: 2 3 1. **EARLY QUADDIE:** 3 Otago 4 Chester Warrior 2 Bold Soul 4 Regal Vow $35.00. SUB: 3 8 9 9. **QUADDIE:** 12 Vagrant 2 Sgtirripa 2 Suparari 1 Jungle Jim $ 886.10. SUB: 6 2 3 1.

TOWNSVILLE GREYHOUNDS

Race 1: 7 Helsinki Rico $1.90 $1.40 2 Shirl's Memory $5.90 3 Caviar $3.80. Q: $11.30. E: $20.50. T: $91.10. A2: 7-2: $2.50, 7-3: $2.50, 2-3: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (7 2 3 5) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 9,10.

Race 2: 8 Hara's Grace $7.40 $1.80 5 One Headlight $1.90 9 Tony Rocket $ 1.40. Q: $14.50. E: $11.20. T: $110.60. A2: 8-5: $6.40; 8-9: $4.20, 5-9: $6.40. FIRST 4: (8 5 9 7) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 6,10.

Race 3: 3 Four Rangers $ 10.00 $3.00 7 Golden Snitch $2.80 6 Federal War $ 4.60. Q: $33.60. E: $61.60. T: $441.40. A2: 3-7: $13.70; 3-6: $13.70; 7-6: $13.70. FIRST 4: (3 7 6 8) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: -9,10.

Race 4: 8 Live Stream $1.90 $1.40 2 Aurora Dario $ 4.40 5 Fingal Bay $ 1.60. Q: $14.30. E: $22.70. T: $118.80. A2: 8-2: $5.30, 8-5: $ 4.40, 2-5: $34.50. FIRST 4: (8 2 5 4) Not won pool jackpots. All Started.

Race 5: 2 Mean Charlie $10.60 $1.70 8 Crypto Queen $1.90 4 Federal Duke $1.20. Q: $18.60. E: $44.10. T: $134.60. A2: 2-8: $5.90, 2-4: $ 4.70, 8-4: $ 3.00. FIRST 4: (2 8 4 9) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 6,10.

Race 6: 6 Purple Car $ 2.90 $1.60 8 Red Car $ 4.00 3 Denim $2.30. Q: $12.00. E: $10.10. T: $185.80. A2: 6-8: $ 5.40, 6-3: $5.40, 8-3: $ 5.40. FIRST 4: (6 8 3 4) $347.20. All Started.

Race 7: 6 Plum Tuckered $1.40 $1.10 3 Balt's Obsession $ 5.90 8 Getting Ball NTD. Q: $9.30. E: $10.60. T: $26.10. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (6 3 8 4) $115.60. Scr: 7.

Race 8: 1 Elaine Danced $2.10 $1.00 2 Alert $1.60 4 Spitfire Rhodes $1.30. Q: $5.20. E: $8.20. T: $21.10. A2: 1-2: $2.30, 1-4: $ 1.80, 2-4: $ 3.50. FIRST 4: (1 2 4 5) $42.80. Scr: 9,10.

Race 9: 4 Hard To Get $3.10 $1.20 7 Look At Lenny $1.80 1 Can't Catch Her $3.10. Q: $9.40. E: $ 11.60. T: $ 116.20. A2: 4-7: $4.40; 4-1: $ 6.40, 7-1: $6.30. FIRST 4: (4 7 1 8) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 9,10.

Race 10: 6 Canya Currency $2.60 $1.30 4 Scale Up Time $ 1.70 8 Come On Darcy $ 1.90. Q: $6.20. E: $ 12.80. T: $ 46.40. A2: 6-4: $2.30, 6-8: $2.90, 4-8: $ 4.10. FIRST 4: (6 4 8 7) $64.40. Scr: 2,9.

Race 11: 7 Hooded Robin $ 2.90 $2.60 4 Sir Panama $2.10 8 Colac Keith $ 1.30. Q: $ 13.40. E: $ 22.80. T: $ 296.00. A2: 7-4: $9.30, 7-8: $6.30, 4-8: $4.00. FIRST 4: (7 4 8 1) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 9,10.

Race 12: 2 Showtime Isaac $2.20 $1.30 1 Bar One Smokers $2.20 6 Angel's Rage $1.90. Q: $ 14.00. E: $14.30. T: $64.40. A2: 2-1: $6.40, 2-6: $2.80, 1-6: $6.10. FIRST 4: (2 1 6 3) $281.10. Scr: 9,10.

DOUBLE: 6 Purple Car 1 Elaine Danced: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 6 1. **TREBLE:** 6 Purple Car 6 Plum Tuckered 1 Elaine Danced: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 6 6 1. **EARLY QUADDIE:** 7 Helsinki Rico 8 Hara's Grace 3 Four Rangers 8 Live Stream: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 7 1 2 8. **QUADDIE:** 2 Mean Charlie 6 Purple Car 6 Plum Tuckered 1 Elaine Danced: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 8 6 6 1.

SUNSHINE COAST

Run Sunday

Race 1: 2 Blagny $1.60 $1.10 3 Kahraba $1.10 4 Lady Deanne $5.30. Q: $1.50. E: $2.10. T: $45.40. A2: 2-3: $1.20, 2-4: $24.50, 3-4: $22.40. FIRST 4: (2 3 4 10) $217.20. Scr: 1,2,8.

Race 2: 7 Bella Tivaci $4.20 $1.70 9 Willintogut $3.40 1 Sir Randolph $2.50. Q: $29.30. E: $68.60. T: $99.40. A2: 7-9: $2.90, 7-1: $8.10, 9-1: $32.30. FIRST 4: (7 9 1 2) $2,755.20. Scr: 5.

Race 3: 8 Jealous $2.00 $1.50 7 Dashing Hope $1.40 1 Keep Safe NTD. Q: $1.80. E: $4.00. T: $14.20. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (8 7 1 2) $65.40. Scr: 4,5,10,11,12.

Race 4: 3 Daintree Dreaming $3.80 $1.50 16 Ready To Mingle $19.90 8 Miss Bacall $ 1.60. Q: $ 20.70. E: $ 48.00. T: $2,018.70. A2: 3-16: $118.80, 3-8: $3.00, 16-8: $98.60. FIRST 4: (3 16 8 15) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 5,9,13,14.

Race 5: 6 Dirty Dancing $4.70 $1.90 8 Artie Pantz $2.90 11 City Chick $5.60. Q: $35.90. E: $80.30. T: $1,037.90. A2: 6-8: $14.20, 6-11: $21.90, 8-11: $32.40. FIRST 4: (6 8 11 12) $26,512.60. Scr: 2,700.

Race 6: 5 Bauhinia Rock $7.00 $2.20 3 Stick To Your Guns $1.60 8 Kozani $2.20. Q: $12.00. E: $27.50. T: $128.70. A2: 5-3: $3.80, 5-8: $10.70, 3-8: $3.50. FIRST 4: (5 3 8 2) $1,076.840. Scr: 16,9,11,12,13,14.

EARLY QUADDIE: 2 Blagny 7 Bella Tivaci 8 Jealous 3 Daintree Dreaming $24.740. SUB: 2 3 8 8.

SALE

Race 1: 7 Willmott $4.40 $1.50 5 Haraldus $1.30 10 Lilca Ebet $2.30. Q: $ 4.30. E: $10.20. T: $ 63.80. A2: 7-5: $2.20, 7-10: $5.20, 5-10: $3.30. FIRST 4: (7 5 10 3) $ 31.200. Scr: 2,6,12,13,14,15,(17,18,1)0,L).

Race 2: 4 Lukan $ 1.70 $1.30 3 Kuroshiro $2.40 9 Slippery Rich $6.90. Q: $5.20. E: $10.20. T: $125.30. A2: 4-3: $2.80, 4-9: $11.50, 3-9: $22.20. FIRST 4: (4 3 9 1) $556.30. Scr: 6,13,0,L).

Race 3: 2 Hey Fat Cat $11.00 $3.20 10 La Magia $6.00 8 Zwasp $3.60. Q: $188.70. E: $ 123.10. T: $ 3,198.30. A2: 2-10: $44.50, 2-8: $ 27.30, 10-8: $ 50.10. FIRST 4: (2 10 8 14) Not won pool jackpots. All Started.

Race 4: 13 Our Malyshka $11.40 $1.90 4 My Name Is $1.00 2 Raven's Silver $6.30. Q: $36.60. E: $ 21.30. T: $419.50. A2: 13-4: $2.00, 13-2: $ 46.20, 4-2: $12.00. FIRST 4: (13 4 2 7) $2,971.50. Scr: 3,6,8,11,100,L).

Race 5: 9 1 Miss Margie $3.30 $1.70 6 Freeways $2.50 2 Snappy Magnus $2.60. Q: $ 21.00. E: $ 23.40. T: $208.60. A2: 9-6: $6.80, 9-2: $3.90, 6-2: $ 11.20. FIRST 4: (9 6 2 7) $1,148.20. Scr: 1,10.

Race 6: 2 Magic Drum $3.90 $1.50 7 Big Darryl $7.20 4 Juice Box $1.40. Q: $106.30. E: $153.00. T: $590.20. A2: 2-7: $29.60, 2-4: $2.50, 7-4: $ 14.60. FIRST 4: (2 7 4 10) $3,024.70. Scr: 1,11.

Race 7: 7 Aria Electra $3.00 $1.30 5 Little Jack $2.90 13 Charisse $4.20. Q: $16.00. E: $ 24.90. T: $258.60. A2: 7-5: $6.10, 7-13: $8.60, 5-13: $28.20. FIRST 4: (7 5 13 4) $1,027.20. Scr: 6,8,10,14.

EARLY QUADDIE: 7 Willmott 4 Lukan 2 Hey Fat Cat 13 Our Malyshka $1,681.10. SUB: 5 4 13 4.

WODONGA

Race 1: 2 Gala Diamond $ 7.70 $2.30 3 Setin Charlie $21.00 5 Positive Smile $1.90. Q: $ 311.70. E: $603.50. T: $ 2,332.20. A2: 2-3: $60.60, 2-5: $6.90, 3-5: $72.90. FIRST 4: (2 3 5 15) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 1,10,11,16.

Race 2: 10 Ala Moana $2.00 $1.10 4 Secret Stones $1.10 13 Sally In The Sun $8.10. Q: $1.20. E: $3.00. T: $65.90. A2: 10-4: $1.30, 10-13: $2.01.Q 4-13: $21.60. FIRST 4: (10 4 13 7) $172.70. Scr: 6,8,11,12.

Race 3: 2 Colnado $1.80 $1.20 8 Quarrby $10.80 12 Sir Callahan $20.40. Q: $66.70. E: $81.30. T: $1,812.20. A2: 2-8: $ 17.90, 2-12: $13.30, 8-12: $ 299.80. FIRST 4: (2 8 12 6) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 3,13.

Race 4: 2 A Pinch Of Luck $6.00 $1.90 3 Doctor Robert $ 3.50 7 Finn As A Rock $2.70. Q: $38.80. E: $70.70. T: $407.60. A2: 2-3: $ 15.00, 2-7: $ 8.10, 3-7: $16.70. FIRST 4: (2 3 7 10) $3,069.80. Scr: 5,8.

Race 5: 3 Missed Victory $ 21.40 $4.80 4 Rhonda Vous $2.30 1 Dionisio $2.40. Q: $36.60. E: $124.50. T: $339.60. A2: 3-4: $13.20, 3-1: $ 23.00, 4-1: $6.90. FIRST 4: (3 4 1 7) $1,033.60. All Started.

Race 6: 3 Native Leaf $43.20 $10.20 4 Teetotal $ 2.20 12 Midvani $2.20. Q: $103.00. E: $ 248.90. T: $7,582.40. A2: 3-4: $36.10, 3-12: $84.50, 4-12: $37.80. FIRST 4: (3 4 12 11) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 6,9,16,16.

Race 7: 12 Monday Miss $4.80 $2.30 9 Pretty Panda $3.30 2 Timbolton $4.80. Q: $18.00. E: $41.80. T: $1,065.10. A2: 12-9: $6.00, 12-2: $16.10, 9-2: $25.50. FIRST 4: (12 9 2 0) $1,794.80. Scr: 5,6,7,11,13.

DOUBLE: 3 Missed Victory 12 Monday Miss: $136.50. SUB: 1 8. **TREBLE:** 3 Missed Victory 3 Native Leaf 12 Monday Miss $4,066.30. SUB: 1 8 8. **EARLY QUADDIE:** 2 Gala Diamond 10 Ala Moana 2 Colnado 2 A Pinch Of Luck $ 119.40. SUB: 5 10 2 1. **QUADDIE:** 2 A Pinch Of Luck 3 Missed Victory 3 Native Leaf 12 Monday Miss $8,389.30. SUB: 1 1 8 8.

COFFS HARBOUR

Race 1: 6 Forafewdollarsmore $14.00 $3.10 13 Boonbee Beach $1.30 2 Tsunoda $1.60. Q: $ 1260. E: $5,440. T: $ 14,290. A2: 6-13: $6.50, 6-2: $7.00, 13-2: $ 1.90. FIRST 4: (6 13 2 3) $4,102.00. Scr: 2.

Race 2: 5 Golden Dubai $1.70 $1.40 11 La Demoiselle $1.70 6 Super Jate $6.30. Q: $6.00. E: $7.40. T: $ 114.40. A2: 5-11: $2.60, 5-6: $8.30, 11-6: $24.60. FIRST 4: (5 11 6 8) $361.30. Scr: 1,2,9,12.

Race 3: 3 Rox'n'rol $8.70 $ 3.50 7 Regina's Girl $3.00 2 Great Southernland $1.80. Q: $ 10.60. E: $ 126.50. T: $465.20. A2: 3-7: $20.40, 3-2: $10.40, 7-2: $9.00. FIRST 4: (3 7 2 15) $995.10. Scr: 6,8,10,18,19,20.

Race 4: 7 Pretty Shamrock $ 2.90 $ 1.40 10 Serenata $2.60 3 The Coat Hanger $2.30. Q: $13.40. E: $22.80. T: $125.30. A2: 7-10: $4.20, 7-3: $ 5.00, 10-3: $ 11.40. FIRST 4: (7 10 3 6) $457.30. Scr: 4,11,12.

Race 5: 11 Scotland $5.60 $2.30 3 Due Diligence $3.40 8 Showman $2.10. Q: $20.70. E: $99.00. T: $213.30. A2: 11-3: $8.90, 11-8: $5.20, 3-8: $8.90. FIRST 4: (11 3 8 4) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 12..

Race 6: 3 Boncassie $1.80 $1.20 4 Ljungberg $ 3.60 8 Timely Bel $2.80. Q: $11.70. E: $ 14.80. T: $104.70. A2: 3-4: $5.10, 3-8: $4.50, 4-8: $20.70. FIRST 4: (3 4 8 14) $1,470.00. Scr: 2,5,7.

EARLY QUADDIE: 6 Forafewdollarsmore 5 Golden Dubai 3 Rox'n'rol 7 Pretty Shamrock: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 13 5 2 7.

NOWRA

Race 1: 6 Proud Image $2.80 $1.60 5 Scotta $2.40 3 Pure to Rico $2.30. Q: $14.70. E: $32.50. T: $143.90. A2: 6-5: $6.80, 6-3: $4.70, 5-3: $9.00. FIRST 4: (6 5 3 2) $515.40. Scr: 7(L).

Race 2: 3 Dubai Oak $7.50 $2.00 7 Sicho Sushi $1.30 4 Jewel Approach $ 1.50. Q: $ 11.30. E: $ 20.50. T: $ 81.00. A2: 3-7: $3.50, 3-4: $4.80, 7-4: $3.10. FIRST 4: (3 7 4 5) $188.20. All Started.

Race 3: 5 Captain Corelli $14.60 $2.80 8 Blood Ties $1.70 7 Tilman $1.50. Q: $28.80. E: $92.00. T: $229.90. A2: 5-8: $10.30, 5-7: $11.80, 8-7: $4.30. FIRST 4: (5 8 7 3) $2,283.40. All Started.

Race 4: 1 Donegal Lights $ 3.60 $1.60 2 El Lago $3.20 7 Mandalorian $1.80. Q: $26.50. E: $44.30. T: $ 165.70. A2

Mitch sees Cam shaft

Johnson opposes Smith promotion, smells vendetta

Robert Craddock

Mitchell Johnson has questioned Steve Smith's promotion to opener and says selectors deserved to be asked whether Cameron Bancroft was the victim of a vendetta.

The snubbing of Bancroft has triggered a "Sandgropergate" scandal in Perth.

Locals are furious that their opener has missed a berth in the Test side to face the West Indies in Adelaide.

In his weekly column for Perth's Sunday Times published on The West Australian's website, Johnson said Smith had "long been the glue" of Australia's top order at No.4 and he could not understand the logic for changing things.

Cameron Bancroft

Steve Smith

"You can't help but wonder why (selection chairman) George Bailey and the selection panel have gone this way," Johnson wrote.

"Do they feel Smith hasn't been at his best and they think this could be a good change for him?

"There are reports that Smithy doesn't like sitting around waiting to bat but he has done that most of his career at fourth in the order – and he's been pretty good at it.

"Is it purely to fit Cam Green back in and give him a shot at No.4? I'm not a big fan of this way. You always want your best players at third and fourth in the order. It's a really interesting way of selection and anything could happen."

Bailey, who fell out with Johnson this season following the former Test quick's comments that Bailey was too close to the players, denied at his press conference that the panel or any player had any lingering bad vibes towards Bancroft following his fallout with the bowlers for comments he made about the Sandpapergate scandal.

"Bailey says there is no issue or vendetta but you can't blame Bancroft – or the public – for questioning this, if he is claiming the selection panel didn't consider the specialist opener among the nation's seven-best batters.

"It's obviously a confusing message for the West Australian, who has scored the most runs out of all those openers considered and done it over the past couple of years, so any questions around this are fair."

West Indies' bowler Kemar Roach during the second Test against England at Old Trafford in Manchester. Picture: AFP

COACH'S PLEA TO SAVE TEST CRICKET

Daniel Cherny

West Indies coach Andre Coley has called on cricket's leadership to put up or shut up when it comes to saving the Test format globally, while floating the idea of four-day Tests in a bid to make it more appetising to players.

The Windies have been widely written off for the Frank Worrell Trophy series, which begins in Adelaide on Wednesday.

Having not beaten in Australia in a Test series in more than three decades, and not even won a Test against the Aussies in more than 20 years, the Windies have picked a squad that contains seven uncapped players.

Former captain Jason Holder and all-rounder Kyle Mayers have opted out of the series to prioritise franchise commitments elsewhere.

Such is life for the former Test powerhouse. The region can still produce world-class cricketers but can't pay them enough to always choose Test cricket.

It is not a new phenomenon for the Windies but they may merely have been the canary in the coalmine for the format given South Africa has named a massively depleted squad to tour New Zealand this month after its board told stars to put the Indian-backed SA20 competition first.

Australian cricket leaders have discussed the idea of setting up a global funding pool to ensure Test cricket remains viable for more than just a handful of nations.

Coley said talk was one thing but actions were another. "If we have enough powerbrokers around world cricket who are keen on ensuring that Test cricket continues to be played and becomes a viable option for players, young players, then those people have to voice those opinions and in the lobbies and rooms that can make those decisions, and decisions are made accordingly," Coley said.

"It comes down to the people who make the decisions around who can influence decisions. If they really believe that Test cricket needs to continue, find a way to get it done."

Marsh ends his innings

DANIEL CHERNY

Shaun Marsh feels a sense of relief and sadness as he retires from professional cricket after almost a quarter of a century.

The West Australian great announced on Sunday that the Big Bash League match between his Melbourne Renegades and the Sydney Thunder on Wednesday night would be the last of a career that started some 23 summers ago.

Marsh, 40, played the last of his 38 Tests and 73 one-day internationals in 2019.

Shaun Marsh.

He kept playing domestically for WA before retiring at the end of last season.

Marsh continued into this BBL season with the Renegades after he moved from the Perth Scorchers in 2019.

Having overcome calf issues, his form has not diminished.

The left-hander has posted three half-centuries from five innings this season, including an unbeaten 64 to lead the Renegades to victory against the Melbourne Stars on Saturday night at Marvel Stadium.

However, the Renegades' underwhelming season has contributed to Marsh's decision, which he made last week, to pull up stumps on his decorated career.

"I probably knew at the start of the season that it was more than likely going to be my last year but there was no sort of decision made up until probably after our second-last game ago," Marsh said.

"We had a nine-day break and went home with the family and just felt right then that this was going to be it.

"It's probably a sense of relief but also some sadness knowing that it's all over – sort of leave knowing that you gave everything and it's the right time to walk away."

Though his Australian career was a mixed bag, he was proud to have reached the highest level and said he could now fully appreciate how special it had been to play international cricket with his brother.

Asked how he would like to be remembered as a player, Marsh was reflective.

"I think just being a good person," he said. "I've always just tried to be myself."

Finch and Warner to rekindle partnership

Ben Horne

Aaron Finch recently sat beside Mick Jagger but the words Start Me Up will have a different connotation on Monday night.

Rock 'n' roll royalty will be replaced by kings of cricket in the Fox Cricket commentary box on Monday night at the MCG when Finch rekindles his long-term partnership with David Warner.

The dynamic duo opened the batting in 119 innings together for Australia and the success they had as an ODI pairing is eclipsed only by Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden.

Finch walked into a Kolkata restaurant during the World Cup in India to discover Rolling Stones maestro Jagger sitting at the table next to he and fellow Fox Cricket commentator Mark Howard.

After some encouragement from Howard, Finch plucked up the courage to go over and introduce himself to massive cricket fan and legendary frontman Jagger.

He won't need to dig quite as deep to start a new connection with Warner, who he has known since he was about 14 years of age.

"Hopefully you hear that stuff and you can ask them questions about when they first met each other and when they first played," Howard said before Warner and Finch make their off-field opening debut in the call of the Melbourne Stars versus Hobart Hurricanes match at the MCG.

"They will be forthright, which is fantastic.

"I think they can bring unbelievable insight because every batter and bowler out there they have played against, which is outstanding."

Teammates turned co-commentators Aaron Finch and David Warner.

Coach's tactics 'will give success'

Erin Smith

Matildas midfielder Tameka Yallop says the tactics which earned Tony Gustavsson plenty of criticism will be what gets the national team over the line against Uzbekistan without goal scoring hero Sam Kerr.

As Kerr posted the first photo of herself post-surgery on Instagram, showing the thumbs up to her 1.8 million followers with her right leg in a compression bandage, the Matildas continue to plot ways to ensure they not only qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics but reach their goal of bringing home a medal.

Yallop, talking after the Brisbane Roar lost to Newcastle 2-1 on Saturday night, said their depth would be key at the upcoming Olympic Qualifiers.

Depth was something Gustavsson has worked hard to build since taking over the squad in September 2020.

His efforts to doso, which included playing very inexperienced players against top class teams like Spain and Canada, didn't always get a great reaction from fans or pundits.

Especially when the scoreline blew out to a 7-0 loss.

But it was those matches that allowed Gustavsson to find rising stars Charli Grant, who just signed a contract with WSL club Tottenham, Kyra Cooney-Cross who now plays for Arsenal and see that Australia's under-23s captain Amy Sayer is certainly up to the task of playing senior football.

Yallop said with Kerr ruled out of the qualifiers with an ACL injury and incredibly unlikely to play at the Olympics should the Matildas qualify – having the depth in the squad had the team confident they could deliver good results.

"It's tough for Sam and all the girls are rallying around her, it's such a major injury and for it to happen to anyone is devastating," Yallop said.

"We're all here for Sam and she knows that."

The Matildas will take on Uzbekistan for the final leg of the Olympic Qualifiers on February 24 and then in front of a home crowd on February 28.

"We've worked hard, especially since TG came in to grow depth within our squad and we can get results without Sam," Yallop said.

Defender Jordan Bos shoots on goal during the Socceroos Asian Cup Group B match against India, at Ahmad bin Ali Stadium, in Qatar. Picture: AFP

Socceroos show plucky India who's the Bos

Marco Monteverde

Jordan Bos's elation at scoring his first goal for the Socceroos has been tempered by national coach Graham Arnold admitting Australia has a "lot" to improve on to have any chance of winning the Asian Cup.

The Socceroos' opened their Cup campaign in Qatar with a 2-0 win over India, and while securing three points was the ultimate objective, they struggled for large periods to break down their dogged rivals.

It took 50 minutes for the Socceroos to take the lead, through Jackson Irvine, of German Bundesliga club FC St Pauli star, before former Melbourne City prodigy Bos scored with his first touch of the game 23 minutes later after coming on as a substitute.

Socceroos manager Graham Arnold looks on during their Asian Cup opener.

"It was amazing," said 21-year-old Bos, who plays for Belgian club K.V.C. Westerlo.

"It was my first Socceroos goal. I was hoping for the opportunity to get on and it just fell to me first touch so I couldn't have asked for a better start. In the second half, we got the goals we deserved.

"I'll try not to dwell on it too much. To be honest, I feel like everything that I do in football, it just happens.

"And then maybe later in life, I'll reflect a bit more. But right now I'm just taking it in my stride."

However, Arnold expected more from his side, particularly in the first half when the Socceroos were sluggish in attack despite dominating possession.

"I can honestly say that we've got to improve a lot more than that," he said. "One disappointment was our set pieces because we work quite a lot on them.

"We're usually very strong with set pieces, but you've got to give credit to India for the way they set up themselves for those set pieces.

"That's something we need to improve on, and we will."

Arnold preached patience at halftime and admitted his team was perhaps too "excited" before the match in anticipation of the start of the tournament.

"There was a little bit of excitement and impatience," he said.

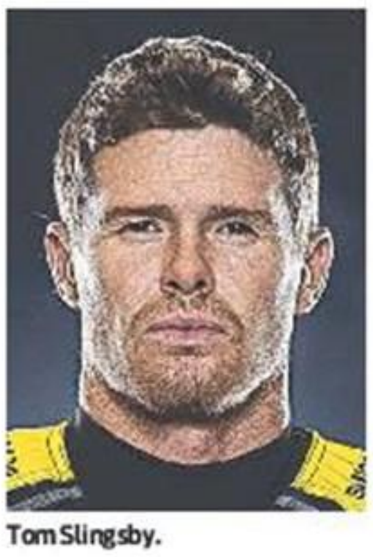
"We'd been waiting for the last 10 days to get preparations right.

"The messaging at halftime from me was just be patient and it will come. That's one game down and another six to go.

"We're here to win the Asian Cup, and you have to reach for the stars.

"You have to have high expectations and put those expectations back on the boys and get them to believe in what we can do."

Bos was confident that the Socceroos – who return to Group B action on Thursday night (AEDT) against Syria at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium – could go "all the way".



Tom Slingsby.

SailGP skipper Slingsby's youthful taunt backfires

Amanda Lulham

If he could Australian skipper Tom Slingsby might want to take back his challenge to the young guns of the SailGP series after a forgettable opening day in Abu Dhabi for he and his team and some surprise results by rivals.

While the series-leading Australian team managed just one podium in the three races in ultralight conditions, young Spanish Olympic sailor Diego Botin put together back-to-back wins after a first race 10th.

It was a result which left the Spaniard leading the event heading into the final day and 2012 Olympic Laser gold medallist Slingsby and his team unexpectedly languishing back in the second half of the fleet in sixth place.

Just a day earlier Slingsby – almost a decade older than Botin – challenged the younger skippers of the series to make their mark after two of the oldest but most successful, James Spithill and Ben Ainslie, stepped down from the racing

"To be frankly honest, I think a lot of the younger generation haven't stepped up to the plate as much as they could have and they've got to prove it," Spithill said when asked about a potential changing of the guard.

"Jimmy and Ben are in their mid 40s and were still winning SailGP events consistently and most of the new, young generation driving in our league haven't won an event in SailGP.'

"When you're the next generation, you've got to prove why you're the best in the world and knock us old guys off the perch.

"The new guys have the opportunity, they're out there and have a boat to drive in SailGP, the top sailing league in the world, and they've got to take that opportunity with both hands or they'll be replaced."

Botin appears to have taken Slingsby's words to heart and now leads heading into day two.

The Australian recorded a 2-9-6 scorecard and need a big performance on day two to make the three-boat final.

Slingsby and his team went into Abu Dhabi ahead by 11 points on the overall pointscore.

Amanda Zahui B of the Fire suffered a suspected calf injury in the 94-58 defeat to the Boomers in Melbourne on Saturday, putting her season in doubt. Picture: Getty Images

Fear for Zahui B's calf

Townsville's rotten luck with import injury strikes again

Nic Darveniza

Townsville holds grave fears that WNBA import Amanda Zahui B. has played her final game for the Fire after suffering a suspected calf injury in Saturday's loss to the Melbourne Boomers.

The 30-year-old Swedish international collapsed to the court in the opening quarter and returned to the sidelines wearing a moon boot as the Fire slumped to a 94-58 defeat in her absence.

Initial concern for a torn achilles tendon was unfounded but even a moderate calf tear could spell the end of the centre's short stint in Townsville.

"She'll have some scans when we get back to Townsville but it's likely to be a lengthy time off the court for her, I would say. It probably puts her season in jeopardy," coach Shannon Seebohm said.

"We'll see. Until we get scans we won't know but I think it will be a little bit longer than a grade one calf, I'm guessing six-to-eight weeks, but we don't really know."

Zahui B. missed the first six games of Townsville's season because of visa complications, having only signed to join the club after the season had already begun.

She was recruited after last year's championship-winning import Tianna Hawkins suffered her own injury in preseason.

Zahui B. could be the third overseas import Townsville has lost to major injury in just under two years.

Monique Billings missed the latter half of the 2021/22 season with a knee injury that confounded doctors, while fellow import Sug Sutton was also in and out of the line-up with injury that season.

Zahui B.'s absence on Saturday proved crucial as Melbourne romped to a 36-point victory that sealed the regular season series over the Fire.

The Swede had played an important role in protecting Townsville's rim in a 12-point win over Melbourne just three days earlier.

With the 193cm centre on the sidelines Melbourne ran riot in the post, pulling down 12 offensive rebounds and scoring 18 second-chance points, many through power forward Naz Hillmon (24pts, 12 rebounds).

"Amanda went out with injury and I don't think we recovered from that," Seebohm reflected.

"She helped us a lot in the game on Wednesday rebounding the ball and changing some shots for the other team. Not having her down there impacted us but I think we didn't do a good enough job at competing with them."

While Townsville won five of six games without Zahui to start the year, Seebohm said that loss of depth was set to pile the pressure on remaining forwards Mikaela Ruef and Zitina Aokuso during the run to the finals.

"It makes it tough. Depth is obviously a factor in this league and it places a lot of pressure on the rest of our team," Seebohm said.

"Amanda was just starting to find her feet in our team but it's how it goes in sport. Someone gets injured and everyone else needs to step up and keep it moving in the right direction but the injuries are starting to add up."

Alice Kuneck has no firm timeline to return from a wrist injury suffered on December 10.

Townsville hosts the Adelaide Lightning at the Fire Pit on Saturday.

Walton gives his all in AO debut

Rebecca Williams
Nic Darveniza

Australian wildcard Adam Walton's debut grand slam campaign is over after just one match after he suffered a straight-sets loss on the opening day of action at Melbourne Park.

The first local hope on court at the Australian Open, Walton made a strong start to his match against Italian Matteo Arnaldi before falling 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4 on Kia Arena.

Home Hill's Adam Walton.

Walton, 24, pushed Arnaldi in an opening set tie-break, but the world No.41 swept past the unseeded Australian in the second set.

Arnaldi looked to be in control at 3-1 in the third set, but faced resistance from Walton, the Home Hill, North Queensland native ranked 176 in the world, to close out the match.

The Italian sealed his first-round win with an ace to take his tally to 16-1 for the match, while he fired 57-21 winners.

After dispatching one Australian, Arnaldi will face the winner of Monday's opening-round clash between Alex de Minaur and Milos Raonic in the second round.

Walton was one of 15 Australian men to begin the men's singles draw at the Australian Open.

Ayr Tennis Club coach Patrea Bojack said she had been swept up in the emotion as the eyes of the nation centred on the North Queensland tennis local.

"Absolutely. I feel very proud for him and very happy because it's just the start and he's only going to get better," Bojack said. "Everyone was able to watch him and I think everyone is going to be extremely proud. Being an NQ boy it's been great to have this exposure on the first day."

Tears flow as Norths farewell one of club's best and most beloved players

Nic Darveniza

Talismanic Norths fast bowler Sam Collingwood has bid farewell to the club after more than a decade opening the bowling in A Grade.

The primary schoolteacher has relocated to Bundaberg for a new position, drawing the curtains on one of Townsville Cricket's most inspirational playing careers.

Collingwood defied medical opinion to return from two knee reconstructions and brought up 100 games for Norths last February.

A new job has pulled the stalwart south after 12 years as the on-field soul at Norths and a key part of the club's transformation from perennial cellar-dwellers to championship contender.

"I was always going down at the end of the season but it's happened a little earlier than expected," Collingwood said.

"It's very bittersweet. There were some very tough goodbyes on Saturday and the last couple of weeks. I told all the boys before Christmas and that was pretty hard, a few tears were shed and stuff like that. I'm very excited (for the new opportunity) but also very sad to leave."

Collingwood has booked flights from Brisbane to Townsville for both finals weekends to ensure he can still play his part in helping Norths break through Townsville's longest premiership drought.

Collingwood's heartfelt departure message from the club inspired an outpouring of well wishes on social media.

"Your remarkable career has been defined not only by your exceptional skills on the field but also by the grace, humility, and unwavering sportsmanship that you have displayed throughout," wrote Greg Hamblin.

"Your breathtaking performances, game-changing innings, and pivotal contributions will forever be etched in the annals of Townsville and Queensland country cricketing history."

Collingwood's 241 career A Grade wickets are fourth-most among Townsville's active players, trailing Justin Dixon (344), Herbie Heuir (333) and Justin Rawlins (289).

Norths' Sam Collingwood is departing the team. Picture: Evan Morgan

Barbora Krejcikova celebrates during her win.

Relief for Krejcikova after win

Former French Open champion Barbora Krejcikova survived a scare to reach the second round of the Australian Open on Sunday, beating Japanese wildcard Mai Hontama 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Czech ninth seed, who triumphed at Roland Garros in 2021, struggled with her serve on Margaret Court Arena and was broken six times in total by her 122nd-ranked opponent.

But she dug deep when trailing 3-1 in the second set after losing the opener and eventually turned the tables.

Hontama, 24, playing in just her second Grand Slam, broke twice in the opening set to take a grip on the match.

There were multiple breaks in the second set but Krejcikova produced a powerful forehand winner to hold in the ninth game and edge ahead 5-4, seizing her chance to level the match.

The Czech player, 28, needed a medical time-out when 3-2 up in the decider, receiving heavy strapping to her foot and ankle.

But she showed no signs of discomfort as she returned to the court, conjuring a crucial break in a long eighth game to leave her on the brink of victory, which she sealed when Hontama went long with a forehand.

Krejcikova said she was relieved to get through a "difficult match", which lasted 2 hours and 30 mins.

"I just tried to stay in the match," she said.

"In the second set I was down.

"But I never let go and I never gave up."

DEMON'S SPEED TEST

Big-serving Canadian looms as tough first-round foe

Callum Dick

One of the fastest serves in tennis history stands between Alex de Minaur and an Australian Open second round berth.

With an official top speed of 249.9km/h, the missile that is Milos Raonic's serve has tormented the ATP Tour for more than a decade – and the Aussie No. 1 is its next target.

He's beaten Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray while in their primes and gave Novak Djokovic one of the sternest tests of his run to the 2021 Australian Open title.

De Minaur might have chuckled when he saw his name placed next to the world No. 317.

Raonic, a former Wimbledon runner-up and five-time Australian Open quarter-finalist, is hardly the cushy opening round draw oft expected for one of the top seeds.

After almost two years away from the tour battling injury, the 33-year-old Canadian is back up and running and ready to break Aussie hearts.

The former world No. 3 has saved his best tennis for Melbourne Park, where he boasts a 34-11 record and has reached the fourth round or better on eight occasions.

One man who knows how dangerous Raonic can be is recently-retired Aussie star, John Millman. Millman rates Raonic as the most difficult serve he faced throughout his career. In one of their clashes at Wimbledon, the Canadian "nearly put me into the stands," he said. "I went up to near the baseline and he put one through me which nearly made me fall over."

But Millman believes de Minaur's skill set makes him a match-up nightmare for Raonic, not the other way around. "I used to hate having to face those big servers, especially early in a tournament," Millman said. "Sometimes the game can get taken out of your hands. The good news for Australian fans is that last year, Alex was the fifth-best returner on tour."

Last year, only the current world top four – Djokovic, Alcaraz, Medvedev and Sinner – boasted better return games than de Minaur.

Between 2012 and 2019, Raonic won 91 per cent of his service games. That figure would have comfortably led the ATP Tour last year.

But the Canadian is only nine games into his comeback, while de Minaur is coming off a trio of top 10 scalps – including Djokovic – at the United Cup.

De Minaur and Raonic open the Monday night session on Rod Laver Arena from 7pm.

Australia's Dane Sweeny reacts after winning the fourth set against against Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo during their men's singles match. Picture: AFP

Sweeny falls short in fifth set thriller

Rebecca Williams

Argentinian seed Francisco Cerundolo urged Australian qualifier Dane Sweeny to "trust" his game after the unheralded local hope fell short of a first-round upset in his grand slam debut at Melbourne Park.

Sweeny won plenty of fans after pushing Cerundolo to a deciding fifth set before losing 6-3 3-6 4-6 6-2 2-6 to the No.22 seed on John Cain Arena.

The 22-year-old with the Lleyton Hewitt-esque fist pump, "C'mon" cries and the back-to-front cap made a hot start to take the first set with his home crowd right behind him.

Cerundolo hit back to take the next two sets before Sweeny sent the match into a decider to give himself a chance to become the first local hope through to the second round.

Sinner sees off spirited challenge

Fourth seed Jannik Sinner fired up his bid for a maiden Grand Slam title with a hard-fought straight-sets victory over Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp at the Australian Open on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Italian enjoyed a breakthrough 2023, winning his first Masters title, in Toronto, and making the championship match against Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals.

It sparked expectations that it is only a matter of time before he wins a major.

And Sinner came through a tough encounter at Melbourne Park to open his 2024 account, beating the 59th-ranked Dutchman 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 on Rod Laver Arena.

"My first match of the season and it means a lot to start off with a win," said Sinner, who reached his first Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon last year.

"The tournament is one where I would like to play as good as possible and hopefully I can show some more in the next round.

"Physically I feel good in good shape, the first round is never easy so I can be happy with today."

It was Sinner's first competitive match of the year after he opted against a warm-up tournament.

Italy's Jannik Sinner hits a return.

But he showed few signs of rust, breaking Van de Zandschulp's opening service game and powering through the first set in 46 minutes.

But the Dutchman, a former US Open quarter-finalist, refused to go quietly, hitting the ball so hard in the second set that his racquet strings snapped.

There was little between them as they battled to 5-5 before Van de Zandschulp netted a backhand to give the Italian the crucial break.

He then served out for a two-set lead.

Once again, the Dutchman put up resistance in the third, breaking to open up a 2-0 advantage.

But it was a temporary wobble by Sinner, who responded by breaking twice in succession and surged 4-2 clear and there was no way back.

At a career-high four in the world, Sinner also won titles last year in Montpellier, Vienna and Beijing.

He was also instrumental in helping Italy win the Davis Cup.

Djoker gets serious about Shelton row

Novak Djokovic has reignited his feud with US rising star Ben Shelton, calling the youngster "unsportsmanlike" in an interview with French newspaper L'Equipe.

They clashed at last year's US Open when, after a win, Djokovic imitated Shelton's trademark celebration.

At the time, Djokovic, who mimicked Shelton's "dialled in" phone call celebration then slammed down the phone, said he did it out of admiration. "I just love Ben's celebration," Djokovic said after his win last year. "I thought it was very original and I copied him. I stole his celebration."

Shelton's father Bryan was less impressed and suggested Djokovic's actions were designed to mock his son.

"He wanted to mock Ben at the end," Bryan Shelton said.

"It wasn't something he was doing just to copy Ben. It was to mock him."

Djokovic reopened the feud in his L'Equipe interview. "It was a reaction against him, he didn't behave properly, with respect, on court and before the match," the world No.1 said. "If anyone places himself in the unsportsmanlike zone, I react."

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Burdekin native Adam Walton at the Australian Open first round. Picture: Getty Images

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